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Shots Fired By Crazy Corsican Through Window of His House

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Assailant Declares His Aim Was to Secure Justice for Himself

Paris, Dec. 31.—An attempt to shoot Premier Clemenceau was made today by a Corsican named Benedetti, who fired at him while he was seated at a window of his house.

None of the shots struck the premier. M. Clemenceau, however, had a narrow escape. He was seated beside the window, through which crashed two bullets from Benedetti's pistol. At the sound of the firing M. Clemenceau arose and opened the window. In the street an excited individual brandishing a revolver and crying "Down with the tyrant; long live the republic!"

Just at this time the premier's footman, revolver in hand, rushed from the building and started towards Benedetti.

"Don't fire," shouted M. Clemenceau to the footman.

"Don't fire," yelled the Corsican; "I have thrown away my gun."

Benedetti then submitted to arrest. He claimed he was aggrieved at M. Clemenceau, who, as minister of the interior, had refused him permission to launch a lottery scheme. In all, the man fired five shots at M. Clemenceau's window.

Like the assailants of President Fallieres and Major Dreyfus, Benedetti characterized his act as merely a "gesture" designed to procure justice for himself.

Vankleek Hill's First Mayor.

Vankleek Hill, Ont., Dec. 31.—John Shields, Vankleek Hill's first mayor, is dead, aged 88 years.

No Canadians in Earthquake

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Earl Grey has received a cable from the British ambassador to Rome, stating that there is no record of Canadians there.

Toronto Gives Aid.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The board of control today voted \$5,000 to the earthquake sufferers in Italy. It was decided to open a subscription list, to which citizens will be asked to contribute.

Death of Mrs. Englehart.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Englehart, wife of J. J. Englehart, chairman of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, died in the general hospital this morning. She had been in poor health for some years.

Ottawa Elections Expenses.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's expenses at the Ottawa election, with those of his running mate, H. B. McGivern, were \$4,378.60, while those of the opposing Conservatives, Dr. Chabot and T. Birkett, were \$4,059.

Customs Receipts.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The customs returns of the Dominion for December show receipts of \$3,375,090, as compared with \$4,093,066 for the same month a year ago, a decrease of \$217,976. This is the smallest comparative decrease since the depression set in.

C. P. R. Train Accident

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Passenger train No. 91 met with an accident at Galt Lake last evening. The dining and tourist cars left the track and rolled down a 25 foot embankment. One man was killed, Chas. Taubay, aged 40, of Omaha, Neb., en route to Vancouver. Miss Dewar, of Pembroke, Ont., was injured. The cause of the accident was a broken rail.

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ISLANDS SUNK BY EARTHQUAKE

Report That Lipari Group Has Disappeared, With All Inhabitants

MULTITUDES IN DISTRESS

Each Story of Destruction in Italy is Worse Than Its Predecessor

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the Strait of Messina reports that the Lipari islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean, near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared. The total population of the group numbered 23,000, and they must inevitably have perished.

Estimates of the death toll of the earthquake now come to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming. Figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor move to greater efforts those upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen. Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end, and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance even before the cry for aid went up. Ship loads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania and other ports, and according to the minister of marine, rescue vessels to the number of thirty-six are centered in the Strait of Messina and 60,000 soldiers are being landed on the Taro coast.

Most important of all now is the question of living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely now survive in such suffering. The first thought has been to carry food and covering for these helpless people, and it has now been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

More Shocks

The latest reports received at Rome state that there have been many intermittent shocks following the first, to which greater part of the destruction is attributed. The British warship Minerva reported by wireless to Malta that two severe shocks occurred at Messina last night. Prof. Ricco, director of the observatory at Mt. Aetna, states that his instruments have recorded forty-two distinct shocks after the first, but that during the last thirteen hours they have been almost motionless.

Horrors at Reggio

Palermo, Dec. 31.—Reggio survivors are beginning to filter into here. They all tell the same story of horror indescribable. The experiences at Reggio were practically the same as at other towns. For two entire days the survivors were cut off from the outer world, their signals for help brought no response. Looters took possession of the ruins, and ultimately respectable citizens were forced to arm themselves with revolvers and fight for food to stave off starvation. The station master at Reggio says that immediately after the first shock a chasm eighty feet wide was opened in the earth. From this there gushed forth a flood of boiling water, some jets of the scalding liquid reaching to the height of an ordinary house. Many injured people who were in this vicinity could not move away, and they were horribly scalded by the flowing stream.

At Sbarre Superior, the survivors of the disaster surround everybody who goes by, crying "We are starving, in God's name give us food," but the passers-by have no food to give.

The village of Missitano is no more. Hundreds of dead bodies are decomposing in the streets of this hamlet. Everything possible in the way of relief is being done at Reggio. Attempts are being made to seek and free those who are still living, and the bodies of the dead are being covered with debris. The rescuers are forced to guard themselves against the onslaughts of hundreds of dogs. The animals are raving with hunger, and spring upon all-comers. They are being shot down as fast as possible.

Many of the injured appear demoralized. One man who had but one arm came out of a ruined house and started a ghastly dance. He cried out that the whole thing was only a dream, that Reggio was safe, and that his wife and children were uninjured and peacefully sleeping in their beds.

Buried in Wreckage

Malta, Dec. 31.—It has been learned that the bodies of Arthur S. Cheney, the American consul at Messina, and his wife are buried beneath the wreckage of the American consulate there.

Wretched Refugees

Monteleone, Dec. 31.—Each tale would seem to surpass the other in horror and misery, but the experiences of a band of refugees from Messina and Reggio, who were on their way to Palmi, were distressing beyond words. The Messina refugees succeeded in getting away from the Sicilian coast in some boats. After a frightful experience in crossing the straits they landed on the Calabrian coast. Here they were met by haggard refugees from Reggio and the various groups of unfortunates joined forces. Together they painfully climbed the hills. At a certain point they all turned to give a last look at the burning city. They stood on the mountain side, plunged in despair. A young priest, who escaped from Reggio, advanced towards the group. In all some two thousand persons, and blessing them. Then, turning towards Reggio, he solemnly called down the blessing of God upon the desolate city.

"Peace to the dying," he cried, "peace to the dead."

RATIONS OF FLEET SENT TO SUFFERERS

U. S. Supply Ship Promptly Despatched on Errand of Mercy

New York, Dec. 31.—The United States supply ship Celtic, which was to have met the returning battleship fleet, sailed out of New York harbor this afternoon on an entirely different mission, but without changing a single item of her cargo. She will go direct to Messina to give a million and a half of navy rations to the earthquake sufferers.

The idea of changing the Celtic into a relief ship came to her commander, Harry McL. Huesse, last night. It met with the immediate approval of Rear-Admiral Casper F. Goodrich, commander of the navy yard, who promptly communicated with the department at Washington. Red tape was cut in a jiffy, on the ground of humanity. The necessary preparations were hurried at the yard, and the Celtic, with Christmas trees still lashed to the mastsheads—it had been designed to make the Celtic the Christmas tree for the fleet—sailed late today.

Her supplies will not be eaten by American sailors, but by suffering survivors of the Calabrian and Sicilian disaster.

In the face of the overwhelming need of the Italians, the department is considering its own men second. How they will be provided with food is something that will be considered later. The navy department takes full responsibility for this sudden gift of supplies belonging to the United States government to the Italians, without warrant of law. It probably relies upon congress to approve of its action, but the expectation is that congress will be only too well pleased at this evidence of American pluck and of the get-there qualities of the American navy.

Roman Catholic Church Burned.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Roman Catholic church of St. Timothee, a small village near Valleyfield, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is \$85,000; insured for \$35,000.

Twenty Years for Stabbing.

Little Valley, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Mike Stampone was found guilty of murder in the second degree today and sentenced to not less than twenty years in the state prison at Auburn. Stampone stabbed a friend to death at Salaman on May 24th.

College Chess Championship

New York, Dec. 31.—The tenth annual tournament of the triangular colleges chess league ended today with the university of Pennsylvania team an easy winner over Cornell, the tri-col team was: Pennsylvania 7, Cornell 3½, and Brown 1½.

U. S. Troops Leave Cuba.

Havana, Dec. 31.—The first detachment of homeward bound troops from the United States Army of Pacification, which has been in Cuba since the establishment of the provisional government in October, 1906, sailed this afternoon for the Philadelphia navy-yard on the auxiliary cruiser Prairie. The detachment consisted of 387 marines. The return of the American troops will continue at intervals until April 1, when it is intended that the last of them shall have left the island.

Railways at Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The Great Northern and Northern Pacific purchases on False Creek, now about completed, aggregate \$600,000 in value. C. A. Dunbar received the biggest cheque, for \$225,000, probably making a profit to him of over \$100,000. The C. P. R. will not begin the proposed enlargement of the depot here this year but cause of the anticipated large tourist travel in connection with the A. V. Y. exhibition and other attractions with which operations would interfere.

SICILIAN CITY IS TOTAL RUIN

Messina Wreckage is Full of Danger to Men Engaged in Work of Rescue

MANY PATHETIC STORIES

Scientist Believes That Cataclysm Was Caused By Subsidence

Rome, Dec. 31.—The commander of the Russian cruiser Admiral Makarov, which arrived at Naples yesterday with refugees from Messina, has given the following account of the disaster: "Hearing at Agouta, Sicily, of the disaster, I hurried to Messina. The city was literally nothing but a heap of ruins. Every building there has collapsed, but in many cases the outward shells remain standing, and as a result the general contour of the city is less changed than might be expected. This is particularly true of the sea front, where the water has been said, the form of the strait of Messina shows little change, if any. The harbor is filled with refuse of every kind, and at one end lies the wreck of a sunken steamer.

"It is impossible to give even a faint idea of the destruction of the scene. Every now and then we heard the crash of floors and walls falling. This constitutes the greatest danger to the rescuers. It is not safe to approach any standing masonry. Men from many vessels had narrow escapes, and I have seen several terrible accidents to the backs of the men who were doing more than their duty. We lost no time in setting about the work of rescue. We established an open air hospital on the shore, where we received and treated a thousand persons. We also saved the safe of the bank of Sicily, with its \$4,000,000 treasure, weighing in two tons.

"I estimated the deaths at Messina conservatively at 80,000. The tidal wave lasted much longer than the earthquake. During all the time we were in the harbor of Messina, our vessel shivered intermittently, as though shaken by some huge marine monster.

"I could relate pathetic stories without number. Under wreckage enclosed in a sort of cubby hole, and protected by two beams, I discovered two little babies, safe and uninjured. They were comfortable as possible, and laughing and playing with the buttons on their clothes. We could find no trace of their parents, who undoubtedly lost their lives. Two Russian sailors alone at the risk of their own lives saved 110 persons.

A despatch received from the observatory at Liposto says the centre of the earthquake probably lay in the sea in southern part of the strait of Messina. The seismograph at Molito continues to register light shocks. Signor Stanci, a distinguished scientist attached to the Florence observatory, is of the opinion that the cataclysm was geologic rather than volcanic. According to Signor Stanci, the trouble was caused by the subsidence of the lower strait. As a result of the depression, huge cracks appeared in the form of a semi-circle, the centre of which was the focal point of the disturbance.

CANADIAN APPEALS TO BRITISH CAPITAL

Authorities in London Express Different Views on the Subject

London, Dec. 31.—The British Empire Trust issues a statement wherein it deals lengthily with Canadian securities. A warning note is sounded concerning municipal extravagance, and the view is expressed that unless greater caution is exercised in spending money which can be easily borrowed, Canada may have to face a financial crisis. At the same time the trust declares that Canada gives as good, if not better, opportunities than any other country in the world, provided care is exercised in the selection of investments.

Canadian financiers here voice the disappointment said to be felt in the Dominion at the indifferent manner in which many applications from Canada were treated in 1908. As a large number of issues are now being prepared, and as there will be no difficulty in placing them in the United States, it is hoped that in the interests of mutual relations a more cordial response will be extended by British investors to the legitimate needs of Canada in 1909.

The Canadian Gazette estimates that over \$200,000,000 of British money has been invested in Canada in 1908 in public issues. The money went for Dominion government, provincial and municipal loans, and also for corporation loans.

Fatal Stabbing Affray

Quebec, Dec. 31.—As a result of a stabbing affray on the G. T. P. near Notre-Dame du Lac, Temiscouata county, an Italian, name unknown, is dead and another named Banilli is held waiting the coroner's inquest.

Sensational Forgery Charge

Quebec, Dec. 31.—A big sensation was caused here by the arrest, on the charge of forgery, of George Atkinson, a well known commission merchant of Levis. The charge is brought by Mr. Davie, of Levis, whose name was he claims, forged to a cheque and drafts to the extent of some \$10,000.

Montreal's Light

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The city's contract with the Montreal Light, Heat and Power company for the lighting of the city streets expires at midnight tonight. No new contract has been made, but the company decided that some satisfactory arrangement can be reached in the meantime.

Cold Weather on Prairies.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Yesterday's big storm has blown itself out, but left low temperatures ranging from 32 below at Regina to 20 below here and 10 below at the head of the lakes. Trains are running on fairly good time, though some engines have gone dead from the extreme cold. Blizzard conditions apparently prevailed just south of the international boundary, for Northern Pacific trains are running several hours late, and report heavy drifts. Prospects are for a very cold new year.

Seattle's Crime Record.

Seattle, Dec. 31.—During the past twelve months of 1908, 24 murders and 77 suicides are on record in the office of coroner M. Carroll. The report brought up to date yesterday, shows nine suicides, 11 violent deaths and 21 deaths from other causes where a physician was not in attendance, but no murder. Of the 77 persons who killed themselves during 1908, 27 chose carbolic acid as the poison. The others used revolvers, various forms of poison, hanging, gas and severing an artery. Of the deaths caused by external violence, nine were caused in street car accidents in Seattle. Of the other causes 23 met death as a result of railway accidents or being struck by steam railway or interurban trains. Forty-three cases were investigated during the month of December up to noon yesterday.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

Minister Graham Says Nothing Has Yet Been Determined—Mr. Pearson Makes Denial

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—In regard to the Halifax story that Maritime Province capitalists and MacKenzie and Mann are after the intercolonial railway, Hon. Mr. Graham says nothing has yet been determined.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—B. F. Pearson, Halifax, who is in the city today, said there was not a shadow of foundation for the report that he and other Maritime province capitalists were after the intercolonial railway.

CATTLE PLAGUE

Secretary Wilson Declares That Foot and Mouth Disease is Well Under Control

Washington, Dec. 31.—"I believe we've got the foot and mouth disease corralled," declared secretary of Agriculture Wilson today. "I want to emphasize, however, that we are letting up in our investigations very slowly, because if we did not, foreign countries might quarantine against the whole United States, as they are very suspicious of getting the infection."

The department has had a force of 150 veterinarians and professional men engaged in the work of eradicating the disease, the cost of which, it is estimated, will be fully half a million dollars. The four states affected are New York, Michigan, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The total number of animals slaughtered is 3,605, valued at \$82,268, of which the federal government will pay two thirds and the states affected one third.

French Treaty May Be Ratified.

London, Dec. 31.—The Times Paris correspondent says there is reason to believe that Mr. Fiddling will succeed in obtaining ratification of the Franco-Canadian treaty, and points out that if Germany also obtains the advantage of the Canadian middle tariff the value of the British preference will almost disappear.

Vancouver Customs.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The customs receipts for the port of Vancouver this year were \$3,004,322, of which \$2,358,391 was in duties on imports. Last year's collections amounted to \$3,196,065, and those of 1906 to \$2,069,539. The inland revenue receipts for the mainland district this year were \$416,051, as against \$441,343 in 1907.

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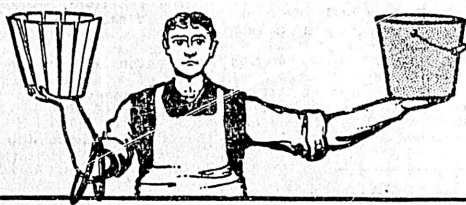
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Large Gathering of Dancers in the
New Year at Ball Last
Night

The Driard hotel was last evening the scene of a most delightful dance, given to the hotel guests and their friends by Mr. Harry Hemming. Dancing took place in the diningroom, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion with festoons of evergreens, flags and colored lanterns. A raised platform, tastefully decorated, had been arranged for the band, under the direction of Mr. Rogers, and a most enjoyable programme of dance music was played. Suspended from the ceiling over the platform was a huge Japanese umbrella lighted with many colored electric lights, and the whole effect was charmingly pretty. The floor was voted by all present to be in perfect condition for dancing. A buffet supper was served in the new grill room and a most enjoyable evening was spent, and many thanks and much credit are due to Mr. Hemming for the excellent manner in which all the arrangements were carried out, and the delightful evening's amusement provided for his guests and their friends.

The list of invited guests, the majority of whom were present, is as follows:

Premier and Mrs. McBride, Capt. and Mrs. John Irving, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ambrey, Major and Mrs. Currie, Dr. and Mrs. Rissmuller, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tasse, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Hogg and party, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. James, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Rattenbury, Mrs. Bald, Col. and Mrs. Worsnop, H. McKay and party, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Goward, Mr. and Miss Cayser, Mr. and Madame Parizeau, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. Grant, Mrs. James Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. McConnan, Mr. and Mrs. P. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett, Madame de Kerpezzron, Dr. and Mrs. Milne, Mr. and Mrs. A. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. the Misses Lugin, Mrs. Nathaniel Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Worlock, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Church, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell, Dr. and Mrs. Holden, Mr. F. Duffield and party, Claude Peppett, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McLean, Mr. Wilson, Capt. Holman, H. B. Jackson and party, W. H. Gardiner and party, Charles Laing and party, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Carlin, G. Pauline and party, C. Flittom, Mr. Hart and party, Miss H. C. H. and party, L. A. Wattlett and party, F. C. Clarke and party, Mr. Ridgman, A. George and party, E. C. Heath and party, Mr. Frame, W. W. Gume and party, C. F. Gardner and party, John Clarke and party, A. S. Bain and party, E. M. McConnan and party, L. J. Peake and party, J. N. Hibben and party, W. S. Adams and party, E. E. Heath and party, W. Laing and party, J. M. Hughes and party, G. G. Fraser and party, F. H. Schnoter and party, H. M. Doble and party, Charles Richards and party, G. W. Mitchell and party, Thomas Lumsden and party, J. Musgrave and party, C. J. Doran and party, H. W. Fraser and party, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, W. G. Lemon and party, W. E. Burris and party, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McCabe, Mr. F. W. Kastenbader and lady, J. Keeg and party, E. Rogers and party, V. Waran and party, F. Lins and party, E. Bywell and party, W. H. Morris and party, R. Power and party, Mr. Harold and Miss Pope, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. York, Mr. Elliott, J. A. Robb, Mr. Newell Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Elliott, the Misses McKenzie, A. McDermott, Miss Margaret Clay, Miss F. Ritchie, A. H. Lawder, Miss Edith Heister, J. N. Whitely, Mr. Jones and party, Mr. and Mrs. John Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Tripp, A. T. Goward, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Jones, Miss B. Leeming, Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chambers, Ross Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones, J. Byron, H. Russell, Mr. O'Sullivan, Geo. Henwood, Dick Angus, E. A. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Greenfield, G. H. Dawson, R. Adamson, F. M. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Courtenay, Mr. Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Van Wyck, Miss Mason, Mr. Warwicker, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Fraser, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Baker, Dr. and Mrs. and Miss Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. P. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dewar, G. Mather, W. G. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McLean and party, Charles D. Julian, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stevens, F. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shain, Mr. and Mrs. S. Conway and Mr. Conway Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Max Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. and Mrs. L. Pither, B. M. Humble, Mr. and Mrs. F. Breeze, J. H. Kilmer, A. Brignell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheasgreen, A. E. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Keith, Mr. Weart and party, H. J. Wade and party, J. J. Bluns, B. W. Bully, C. A. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. and Mrs. C. R. and Mrs. H. Young, Capt. T. O. Griffen, Capt. P. Hickey, Capt. R. Hunter, H. F. Bishop, I. D. Chetham, L. Smith, S. Stewart, S. Porter, Capt. Townsend, S. W. Edwards, W. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. H. Cooper, Dr. and Mrs. Dier, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rolston, Mr. Braumer, G. E. Battie, George Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ceron, Mr. G. Kolts, T. Barlow, D. D. McPhale, Mr. Westonhall, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Muller, Mrs. A. W. Smith, Miss Eholt, James Wood, James Shadforth, Capt. Brownrigg, Miss Finlayson, Miss Parshalle, Mr. Duncan and party, F. Smith and party, Mr. Goggin and party, Mr. G. O. Hamlin and party, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Morrison, Dr. G. H. Hall, James Anderson, G. T. Temple, B. M. Johnson and party, G. C. Howell and party, G. A. Gardner, B. Nason and party, J. H. Renfrew and party, S. P. Moody and party, A. H. Harley and party, C. H. Cunliff and party, J. M. Robertson and party, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Howson, C. B. Lowry and party, H. P. Sweeney and party, P. O. Dickenson and party, W. P. Basset and party, and many others.

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SYSTEM LACKING IN LOCAL PUBLIC WORK

Mayor and Aldermen Decide to Investigate—Officials Meet Council Friday

"An evening could be devoted to a discussion of nothing else than our public works. There is something wrong with the system, or, rather, there is no system employed as far as one can see," thus spoke Alderman W. G. Cameron, towards the close of yesterday afternoon's meeting of the City Council. The question once introduced, a heated debate ensued, the outcome of which was the decision to call before them the heads of the Waterworks and Engineering departments together with the street and road superintendents, and all those who are employed as foremen by the corporation. This meeting will take place next Friday evening.

Before giving expression to the emphatic statement quoted above, Alderman Cameron told of an instance of mismanagement which had come to his knowledge. A wagon load of coarse macadam had been dumped on a road in his ward and left without any filling or levelling. The condition of the street now was deplorable. He ventured to say that an automobile tire would be torn to pieces in passing over it. He concluded by declaring that there was trouble somewhere. As far as could be seen there was no system. The responsibility for the repairing of roads lay on somebody's shoulders and he thought that an entire evening could be profitably employed in thrashing out this question and in endeavoring to arrive at some understanding which would ensure better results in the future.

Respective Duties.

The respective duties of the Water Commissioner and the City Engineer were discussed. Having full charge of the redistribution system work it was alleged that the former was largely responsible for the condition in which the streets were left. Henderson averred, that in his opinion the work of repairing the roads, after the laying of the pipes, should have remained under the direct supervision of the City Engineer. It was remarked by another that there always had been friction between the two departments and that the sooner it was probed the better.

What almost might be termed a chorus of assent was roused by the latter suggestion. Ald. Fullerton affirmed that the council was responsible. There was no evading the issue. As representatives of the citizens, they would have to answer to those who

electd them. When he went before the people he would have to acknowledge that things had not been going to his satisfaction. Ald. Gleason interjected the remark that he would have to adopt the same policy. Both agreed, however, that the only thing to be done was to bring the heads of the departments and those under them together when it would be possible to obtain a thorough insight into what was going on, the methods pursued, and to learn whether there really was any attempt made to work out, in a methodical and thorough manner, the different projects in hand. Then it would be possible to ascertain whether the apparent confusion existing was but a necessary step towards the goal in view or only the result of jealousy, discord and disagreement between different officials or the heads of the various branches of public work who were in direct charge of the men. As stated this meeting will take place on Friday and it is hoped that, as a result, a plan will be developed whereby a better system may be introduced for the continuation of the work this year.

For License Reduction

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Nearly two thousand Sunday school scholars in sixty-one conveyances paraded the principal streets of Toronto yesterday as a demonstration in favor of license reduction. They were cheered by a large crowd.

Control of Sault Works

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A special despatch from Philadelphia says: Robert Fleming, of London and New York, is the purchaser of the Lake Superior Corporation securities from Philadelphia institutions. It is understood that Mr. Fleming, who is well known from his prominence in Reading, Texas Pacific and other re-organizations years ago, represents some very substantial English and Canadian capitalists, who now control the industry at Sault Ste. Marie.

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NEW LAND REGISTRY FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Queen Charlotte Islands Will Also Be Included in the New District

By an order-in-council signed yesterday, the provincial government has established a land registry at Prince Rupert and has defined the area over which it will have jurisdiction. Its boundaries, roughly speaking, are from the point where the northern boundary of the province touches the 124th meridian and thence following the line of the meridian to the 53rd parallel, and from there along the 53rd parallel to the coast. The line then travels up along the coast and along the western international boundary of the province to the northern boundary, and so to the point of beginning. The Queen Charlotte Islands have also been placed within the Prince Rupert land registry.

The territory thus defined includes the Fraser lake, Babine lake, Ootsa lake and Stuart lake districts, the southern boundary being slightly to the south of the Gardner canal, leaving Bella Coola still belonging to the Victoria registry.

W. E. Murritt, barrister, of Prince Rupert, has been appointed registrar and is now on his way down to Victoria. He will immediately assemble his staff and start in to transcribe the records of the local registry which have reference to his district, and it is hoped that the Prince Rupert land registry will be in shape for business by May 1. This will entail the building of a registry office at Prince Rupert, which will be constructed on what is known as the government block, where the court house and the residence of the government agent are already situated.

TRANQUILLE PATIENTS ARE GIVEN GOOD TIME

Christmas Celebrations Held at the Anti-Tuberculosis Sanatorium

Those who have friends at the Tranquille Sanatorium will be gratified to learn that the patients were not overlooked at Christmas. Apart from what gifts may have been sent by private friends, the day was celebrated in proper style and the invalids seem to have spent a thoroughly enjoyable time. In a letter to Dr. Fagan, which is printed below, Dr. Irving, who is in charge of the institution, gives an account of the day's proceedings. He also incloses a copy of the menu of the Sunday dinner which is almost enough to make one wish one was a patient at Tranquille, especially around Christmas time. Starting with oysters on the half shell, and omitting no possible fillis, the fortunate inmates appear to have travelled via stuffed roast turkey to English plum pudding. One is glad to learn on the authority of the doctor that no one was the worse for the occasion, and still more glad to see that those afflicted with the white man's plague should be afforded all the enjoyment which can be derived from the traditional observance of the great day of good cheer and goodwill to all men.

The Report

Dr. Irving's report follows:
Tranquille Sanatorium.
Dr. C. J. Fagan, Secretary, B. C. Anti-Tuberculosis Society, Victoria, B. C.
Dear Dr. Fagan, I take pleasure in submitting a report to you of how Christmas was spent at Tranquille.

First I wish to acknowledge with thanks the very acceptable Xmas gifts from yourself and Mrs. Fagan of candies and several of the Christmas numbers of old country periodicals. The Vancouver auxiliary, through Mrs. Plunkett, forwarded to us a 300 lb. hamper, containing 24 dressing jackets for the patients, many magazines, and books games, candles, raisins, fancy biscuits, figs, dates, oranges, etc., etc., a splendid contribution. A suggestion from us to the various merchants in Kamloops with whom we have accounts, that any little gift for the Christmas season would be acceptable, found an enthusiastic response, and the contributions were as follows: Stevens & Allan, grocers, one box holly; Wilson's Bay Co., one box Japanese oranges; Wilson's Grocery Co., 10 lbs. nuts; Ramsay and Phillips, one box each cluster of raisins and figs; Smith Bros., decorations for Christmas tree, value \$15; J. L. Gordon, one writing desk for sitting room; N. S. Dalgleish, one splendid oak chair for sitting room.

Hon. Mr. Bowser sent our patient Mr. Turner, a box of B. C. oysters, the latter giving them over for general use.

On Christmas eve we held an entertainment and Christmas tree, express and mail parcels, with the local gifts totalling over 300.

Christmas Day celebration consisted of a dinner and an entertainment in the evening after supper, which included a minstrel show, songs by patients and friends from Kamloops, and the reading of a paper called the "Tranquille Tattler" edited by a committee of patients, which caused much enjoyment. A copy of this paper is being kept for your perusal on your next visit. The patients have suffered no ill effects from the festivities, and many have expressed themselves as having had a most enjoyable time.

B. W. Irving,
Medical Superintendent.

Surveyors Leave for Mainland
Mr. J. F. Templeton, of the firm of Gore & McGregor, with Mr. P. Landry, and a staff of assistants, went over last evening to take the steamer Cassiar from Vancouver. Timber surveys on the mainland coast and in the islands will keep them in the woods for a month or two.

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A Happy New Year

1908.

The year which has just closed has been characterized by many important events. There has not for a long time been a twelvemonth, which has been so strongly marked by features indicating the direction and rapidity of human progress. We look back to the year 1825 with special interest, because it was then that George Stephenson opened the first freight and passenger railway and thereby inaugurated a new era in transportation, which has revolutionized civilization. The Stockton-Darlington line in its construction and equipment was only a suggestion of what we have since seen achieved in that field of invention and enterprise. In like manner we may speak of 1908 in regard to aerial navigation. The dirigible balloon and the flying machine have both been shown to be within the domain of practical transportation. As our grandfathers shook their heads doubtfully over Stephenson's "steam-kettle on wheels," so we may have our hesitation about believing in the possibility of using the air as a means of locomotion, but if the history of human endeavor teaches one thing more than another it is that when a beginning has been made in any particular direction the potential advance cannot be measured. The mechanical toy of 1907 was the practical machine of 1908, and it may become the commercial necessity of 1909. Regarded from the standpoint of today, from which it is of course impossible to see things in their proper perspective, it seems as though we ought to class the demonstration of the practicability of aerial navigation as the greatest legacy of the old year to mankind.

The year was a very stirring one in British politics. The attention of the people of the United Kingdom has been concentrated as never before upon a number and variety of important questions. The defence of the Kingdom, the licensing bill, the powers of the House of Lords, the old-age pension scheme, the woman suffrage movement, the sweeping Irish land-purchase project, tariff reform and other matters of moment have been before them in an acute form, and the tremendous problem of the government acquisition of the railways has loomed up above the political horizon. Those who think of the United Kingdom as conservative and non-progressive will have to concede that in respect to matters tending towards democracy that country leads the way. During the year an old problem has forced itself to the front in an aggravated form, namely, that presented by the army of the unemployed. This is always a serious matter, but the industrial depression and the increase in the population have made it infinitely more difficult to grapple with than ever before. Public relief and private charity seem unable to cope with it, and if 1908 has made nothing else clear, it has certainly demonstrated that the United Kingdom has a domestic and social question to deal with upon the solution of which one may say with confidence the whole future welfare of the nation depends. We are not disposed to belittle the magnitude of the other issues referred to, but these are relatively superficial. The vast increase in the number of people who are not, and apparently cannot under existing circumstances be made self-supporting, appears to us to present a vastly more difficult and vastly more important a problem than any other. It is a fundamental problem. Looking the last year over we feel that this is the one matter which it has, above all others, forced upon the consideration of the British people.

The general note from Overseas Britain on this the first day of the New Year is: "All's Well." The past twelvemonth was marred by serious indications in India, but it also witnessed the Jubilee Message of the King-Emperor to the people of that great country, promising such a measure of self-government as is compatible with existing conditions. This appears to have relieved a situation, which might have proved perilous. If the new departure proves a success, 1908 will be a memorable year in the history of India. In South Africa the year witnessed the initiation of a scheme of confederation between the several British colonies, an experiment in state-craft without historical precedent, considering that only a few years ago two of these colonies were independent states and were annexed to the Empire as the result of a long and bitter war. Surely it has been a momentous year for British South Africa. In Australia and New Zealand

land the year was fairly prosperous and not specially eventful, and the same remark applies to the minor parts of the Empire. In Canada it has been a year of steady progress. There has been no single event in the Dominion which seems likely to make the year historic; but it has been a period of progress and expansion. It has taught Canadians a lesson of self-reliance. They have learned that their own country has within herself the essentials of national, industrial and financial solidity to a degree that the most sanguine hardly appreciated.

Looking at foreign lands we see much that is of interest, too much, indeed to present in a single article. The centre of political interest has been the Balkan peninsula, and events have transpired there which will of necessity produce a profound effect upon the history of Europe and possibly of a large part of Asia. The granting of a constitution by the Sultan of Turkey is a step of far-reaching importance. All indications are to the effect that it is likely to be attended with signal success, and if this proves to be the case, its influence will be felt all over Eastern Asia. If it is a failure, the days of Turkey as an independent power will soon come to an end. Notwithstanding the more critical events which have occurred in the valley of the Danube, we are disposed to look upon the granting of the Turkish constitution as the most important event of the year in that part of the world. The declaration of independence by Bulgaria is not of itself an incident of very general importance, nor is the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary, but as forming a part of a wide movement which during the year found further expression in the action of the Cretans in cutting themselves adrift from the Ottoman Empire and joining with Greece, they disclose a condition of unsuspected activity in what we have come to speak of as the Near East. Things in the Balkan Peninsula can never be as they have been, and as the time in which a prolonged though inconspicuous movement became crystallized in results that may be very far-reaching in their character, the year 1908 will perhaps mark the beginning of a new epoch for that part of the world. During the year the cause of constitutional government in Russia has made a distinct advance, although as yet it has not gone very far. The movement is, however, in the right direction. Persia has been the scene of considerable disorder and the conflict between autocracy and democracy has been somewhat strenuous. The year closes without much change for the better. In China there is an approach towards constitutional government consequent upon the death of the Emperor and Dowager-Empress. A somewhat interesting and possibly important incident in the Chinese Empire is the deprivation of the Grand Llama of Tibet of all his political powers, which may be taken as the closing chapter of one of the most mysterious histories of modern times.

Germany has been in evidence to a marked degree during the year. At one time war with France seemed not improbable, but the tension was removed by the exercise of good judgment. The most interesting event in connection with Germany was the action of the Reichstag in insisting that there should be ministerial responsibility for the public utterances of the Kaiser. How much is implied in this it is much too soon to say, but as a step towards the curbing of autocracy in Europe it is very significant. The troubles in Morocco, which seemed likely at one time to become of international gravity, have been for the time, at least, disposed of with a change of rulers. The consummation of a friendly understanding between the United Kingdom and Russia and the strengthening of the entente cordiale with France by means of the Anglo-French Exhibition are of much importance. The passing of Castro and the establishment of a regime in Venezuela which will be on friendly terms with foreign powers, seem to constitute South America's principal contribution of international interest to the record of the year. In the United States events have moved forward on disturbed lines. The condition of business was unsatisfactory, but there has been a marked revival since the general election. The antagonism between the institutions of the country and Organized Labor has reached something closely resembling a crisis in the recent proceedings to punish labor leaders for contempt of court. The demand for tariff reform has acquired very considerable strength and the preliminary steps have been taken in that direction. There are some reasons to believe that the effect of the presidential election of 1908 may be the readjustment of party lines. Perhaps no event of the year has so impressed the people of the United States as the round-the-world voyage of the battleship fleet, which is now nearing completion. As a spectacular display of naval power it had no precedent, not that greater fleets have not been assembled on many occasions, but this is the first time in history that what is practically the whole naval fighting force of a nation has been sent away from its own coasts on a tour of the world.

The death roll of the year contains a number of eminent names. Among them are those of Kwang-Su, emperor of China, Tsi An, dowager-empress of China, Carlos I. and Crown Prince Luiz, of Portugal, who were assassinated; Grover Cleveland, formerly president of the United States; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, prime

minister of the United Kingdom; the Duke of Devonshire, General Linevitch, who commanded the Russian forces during the latter part of the war with Japan; Palma, the first president of Cuba; Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, formerly lieutenant-governor of British Columbia; Thomas Greenway, formerly premier of Manitoba; Louise de la Ramee (Ouida), novelist; Murat Halstead, journalist. Locally we have lost many of our pioneer residents during the year that has just closed. Never in a twelvemonth were the ranks of these strong men and women so depleted as in 1908.

Until the record-breaking calamity, which befell Southern Italy and Sicily, 1908 had nothing to record in the way of disasters at all extraordinary in character. There were many forest fires in America and great loss of valuable timber. The Fernie disaster was a conspicuous feature of the year. There were many severe tornadoes and heavy floods in the United States, and severe storms in Australia and the Orient demanded a large toll of victims. There were some notable marine disasters, the most serious being the loss of the Duncan, with 52 persons, and the Talsi with 150 off the Japanese coast, and of the Sardinia, near Malta, with over 100 persons. There were a number of grave mining accidents, the two most serious being one in Manana, Pennsylvania, which cost 150 lives and one at Walgram, England, with 70 victims. Speaking generally, it may be said that, except for the terrific earthquake referred to, the record of the year in respect to serious calamities has not been at all exceptionally severe. That terrific event will, however, mark 1908 in the annals of mankind for a long time to come.

In our own city and province the year was one of general prosperity and progress. It witnessed the beginning of construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, from the western terminus, of railway extension on Vancouver Island and considerable activity in railway building elsewhere in the province. We have already made so many references to the signs of development manifested on every hand that it is superfluous to recapitulate them here. In pursuance of the general idea upon which this summary has been based, we may say that the epochal feature of the year was the beginning of active settlement in what we call New British Columbia. The general verdict of business men is that the year has been a good one. The Dominion elections disturbed political conditions to some extent but on a general review of the situation one may say with confidence that the province, as a province, is in an admirable condition. Never in its history has a New Year dawned with brighter prospects, and it is with heartfelt thankfulness for the prosperity of the past and an assured hope for the province of the future that we wish Colonist readers and all sorts and conditions of men, women and children

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Santa Claus has "finished his work" for another twelve months.

Let 1909 stand for a Greater Victoria.

Mr. Balfour has inaugurated a campaign in England to revolutionize the relations of capital and labor, by bringing them into closer harmony. Every one will wish him the fullest possible measure of success.

The Aerial Navigation company, with headquarters in New York, has been organized with a capital of \$50,000,000. This looks decidedly like business. We suppose we will shortly be looking upon the automobile as an old-fashioned means for locomotion.

Now that the holidays are practically over, we must all turn attention to the municipal campaign, which will be a short one. The New Year opens full of promise for Victoria, but to make the most of our opportunities we must see that the City Council is an efficient one.

Victorians gave the New Year a rousing welcome last night, albeit it was a rather noisy one. The crowds on the streets appeared to be full of hope for what 1909 holds in store—and they have excellent reason to be, for no other city in the world has brighter prospects.

Declaring that he will fight no more, Mr. Jeffries has refused an offer of \$50,000 to battle with Johnson, though the money would be paid to him no matter what the outcome of the combat. Mr. Jeffries, because of this, will hereafter stand much higher in the estimation of that part of the public which concerns itself with pugilists and their ways.

Great Britain's latest contribution to the cause of peace and goodwill is a gun 51½ feet long, which will discharge a projectile weighing 850 pounds, with sufficient velocity to penetrate 33 inches of wrought iron at a distance of 3,000 yards. This tremendous weapon seems to have rendered the construction of heavily armed ships very nearly useless. A single shot from it would send any vessel in the world to the bottom of the sea.

The Montreal Gazette put the case of the need for greater economy in federal expenditure very neatly when it said: "Mr. Pugsley, speaking for the Government, has told the people of New Brunswick that the condition of the finances will make it necessary to curtail expenditures on public works. Those who live on the taxes will have for a while to go moder-

ately, just like the people who pay the taxes. Both parties may profit by the situation."

The Toronto Mail and Empire publishes a startling story from its New York correspondent to the effect that a wholesale plan by international swindlers to work off in Canada and the United States spurious 1,000 franc notes of the Banque Nationale of Belgium has just been uncovered. It is alleged that money brokers in the chief cities in the United States have bought in not less than \$400,000 worth of the bogus notes, which are described as the most skillfully executed counterfeits seen in years.

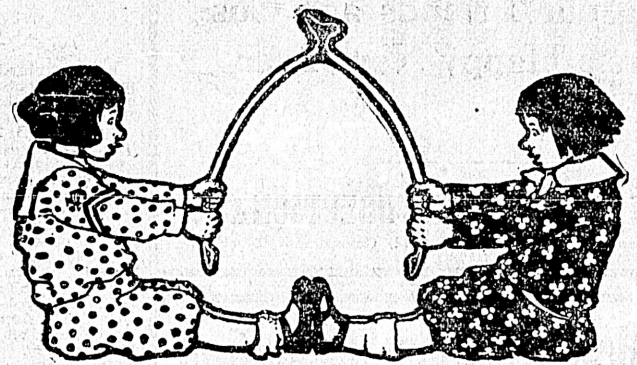
It is said that China is very sensitive on the subject of an equal diplomatic footing with Japan in her relations with foreign powers, and the following press cable from Peking would seem to point to the accuracy of this view: "The Foreign Board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi, at Washington, saying that the Washington Government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese Legation at Washington to the rank of an Embassy. Tang Shao Yi is the Chinese official who is at present in the United States on a diplomatic mission from his Government."

Exchanges from Columbia, Missouri, describe the impressive ceremonies attending the inauguration of President Ross Hill, of the University of Missouri, an event of special interest to all in the Dominion because of the fact that the gentleman mentioned is a Canadian. President Hill, is, perhaps, the youngest man called to preside over one of the great Universities of the United States. He was born in Nova Scotia 39 years ago. His early education was received at Five Islands, Pictou Academy, and Dalhousie University. In the Universities of Cornell, Clark, Heidelberg, Berlin and Strassburg he pursued his studies. His first appointment was to the State Normal School in Wisconsin. Two years later, in 1897, he went to Nebraska University, then to Missouri in 1903, to Cornell as Dean of the College of Arts and Science in 1907, and back to Missouri as president in 1908.

We shall not disturb the feeling of good fellowship, which is general on New Year's Day by indulging in any political discussion. Our evening contemporary made some observations yesterday, which merit and will receive consideration, and we hope when we consider them, to do so in a manner that, without weakening the presentation of an important principle, will not give personal offence. The course which he has seen fit to take,—and we do not wish to be understood as suggesting that he had not a perfect right to take it—places Mr. Templeman in a very conspicuous position before the electors of British Columbia. That position ought in the public interest to be considered calmly, dispassionately and without the introduction of personal feelings. The political differences between Mr. Templeman and his newspaper on the one side and the Colonist on the other, do not extend beyond the realm of politics, nor prevent us from sincerely wishing them both a Happy New Year.

In an address before the Morayshire Farmers' Club a short time ago, Mr. George A. Ferguson, farmer, Surra-dale, near Elgin, Scotland, who was a member of the recent Agricultural Commission to Canada, related some of his experiences in the Dominion. In his concluding remarks Mr. Ferguson said Canada was a great country, a country of untold possibilities with its rich soil and superb climate. It was the land for the worker and for the man of ambition—above all, it was the land for Scotchmen who found their field too lean and too narrow. Scotchmen seemed to fit into the ways of Canada at once, and thought it a better home even than the one they had left: Canada could offer everything that the heart of many a hard-working father of a family desired. The strength of home ties compelled many a one to live miserably in the old country when by the same energy and application he could, with the better opportunities in Canada, live in comfort and security. With its great wealth of country and with its splendid organization, Canada would soon play a brilliant part in the world's history.

One of the important developments arising out of the construction of the large type of warships is that the docking accommodation is quite inadequate, and the British admiralty is shortly to spend large sums of money to cope with the needs of the situation. A London correspondent writes: "There is at present only one dock on the whole of the east coast which can accommodate a ship of the Dreadnought type, even under the most favorable conditions. This is the Stephenson Dock on the River Tyne, and even here in order to get the Dreadnought or any similar vessel into it it would be necessary to remove all the coal and ammunition from the vessel. In order that this unsatisfactory state of things shall not continue for long the Admiralty has decided to develop the naval ports at the mouth of the Mersey, and that river up to Chatham Dockyard is also to be dredged to a depth of thirty-two feet. A noteworthy feature of the scheme is the mooring of a floating dock in the Mersey large enough to accommodate a vessel of 30,000 tons, while a wharf will be constructed on the river alongside of which three 600 foot ships will be able to lie at one time."



WE WISH

For You and Yours,
Through You,

A HAPPY DAY

Today and Every Day
This Newest Year.

May Prosperity Unusual
Be Yours During This
Coming Year.

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Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

THE OUTLOOK

APPRECIATION of your confidence during the past year seems quite in order at this date—for you have been generous indeed in your dealings with this establishment.

So generous in fact has been your appreciation that the yearly sales-total has soared above those of all previous years.

While it is so pleasant to look backward, it is the future which most concerns us all—and what a glorious future is before this Western land and its peoples!

Prospects never were brighter, and Western optimism and the Western way are going to push this land to the front—and 1909 is going to see it take a great stride to that position. We are planning to keep pace—planning for a record year, this 1909. Everybody will prosper. Be an optimist—it helps. Here is a "chestnut," yet—

Between the optimist and the pessimist,
There is always something droll;
The optimist sees the doughnut,
The pessimist sees the hole.

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Dress Goods

Black Fancy Striped Voile, for evening wear, 44 inch, regular \$1.40, for **85¢**
 Fancy Black Check Venetian, 47 in., reg. \$1.50, for **85¢**
 Crepoline, good for all purposes, 44 inch., regular \$1.00, for **60¢**
 Fancy Black Grenadines, 42 in., reg. 75¢, for **50¢**
 Very Fine Black Striped Voiles, 46 inch, regular \$2.00, for **\$1.25**
 Very Fine Black Check Voiles, 46 inch, regular \$2.00, for **\$1.25**
 Black Satin Striped Voiles, 44 inch, regular \$1.40, for **85¢**
 Black Crepe de Chine, wool and silk, 46 inch, regular \$1.75, for **\$1.00**
 Fancy Invisible Check Voile, 45 in., reg. \$2.00, for **\$1.25**
 Black Taffeta Cloth, 44 in., reg. 90¢, for **60¢**
 All Wool Black Cashmere, 44 in., reg. 75¢, for **50¢**
 Silk Embroidered Cashmere, 44 in., reg. \$1.00, for **60¢**
 Black Venetian Cloth, 44 in., reg. 90¢, for **55¢**
 Black Poplin, 42 in., reg. 75¢, for **50¢**
 Fancy striped Black Voile, 42 in., reg. \$1.00, for **60¢**
 Colored all wool Serges, 46 in., reg. \$1.25, for **75¢**
 Heavy Diagonal Navy Serge, 52 in., reg. \$2.00 for **\$1.15**
 Green Venetian Suiting, 46 in., reg. \$1.00, for **55¢**
 Fancy Lustres, in good colorings, 54 in., reg. \$1.50, for **75¢**
 Fancy Tweeds, in new stripes and checks, 50 in., reg. \$1.00 and \$1.25, for **80¢**

During the first ten days of January all goods in the Dressgoods and Staple Departments not marked at Sale prices, will have a discount of 15 per cent.

Pure Wool Homespuns, several shades, including black, 54 inch, regular \$1.40, for **\$1.00**
 All Wool Fancy Striped Panamas, 54 inch, regular \$1.60, for **\$1.00**
 Fancy Panamas in suit lengths, 54 inch, regular \$1.75, for **\$1.00**
 Fine Fancy Suitings, broken checks and stripes, regular \$10.50 suit length, for **\$6.50**
 Fancy Suitings in satin stripes, 44 inch, regular \$1.50, for **90¢**
 Checked Venetian Cloth, in grey and green only, regular \$1.50, for **90¢**
 Tweeds for Children's Dresses and Ladies' Rainy Day Skirts, in good stripes, regular 75¢ and 90¢, for **50¢**
 New Vandyke Stripes, in browns and greens only, regular \$1.50, for **90¢**
 Colored Serges for Suits and Skirts, in browns, greens and blues, 54 inch, regular \$1.50, for **90¢**
 Heavy Tweeds for Coats and Walking Skirts, 54 inch, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75, for **\$1.00**
 All our Exclusive Suit Lengths only one of each shade and design, are all marked down to January Sale Prices.
 Fancy Lustres, in light shades, for Waists and Children's Wear, 27 inch, regular 60¢, for **40¢**
 Fancy Challies, good patterns, regular 40¢, for **25¢**
 Fancy All Wool French Flannels, in spots and stripes, 27 inch, regular 60¢, for **35¢**
 Plain French Flannel, light blue only, 27 inch, regular 50¢, for **25¢**
 Fancy Nuns' Veiling for Blouses, silk embroidered spots, regular 75¢, for **40¢**
 Fancy Striped Wool Voiles for Waists, regular \$1.00, for **60¢**

Staple Department

Dress Muslins

An assortment ranging from 25¢ to 45¢ yard, all marked down to, per yard, **10¢**

Flannelettes, in a heavy quality in dark and light shades for warm Kimonas and Wrappers, 27 inch, regular 45¢, for **30¢**
 Ceylon Flannels for Men's and Boys' Shirts and Ladies' Waists, good washing colors, regular 35¢, sale price **20¢**

Sheeting, Towels, Towellings, Table Linens, Napkins, Tablecloths, Plain Linens

All will be sold at a discount of 15 per cent. during first ten days of our January Sale.

Fancy Collars, Fancy Silk Belts, Motor Scarfs, All at Half Price

Millinery

All Trimmed Hats for Ladies, Children's Trimmed Hats, Ladies' and Children's Untrimmed Hats, all marked down to January Sale Prices

Odd Lines

Children's School Handkerchiefs, regular 50¢ dozen, for, dozen **25¢**
 Dent's Lined Gloves, Fur Top, in black and dark browns, sizes 7 1-2, 8, 8 1-2 only, regular \$1.25, sale **75¢**
 Dent's Fur Top and Lined Gloves, all sizes, regular \$2.00, sale price **\$1.50**
 Dent's Lined Gloves, regular \$1.60, sale price **\$1.15**
 Dent's Dogskin Gauntlet Gloves, regular \$2.00, sale price **\$1.50**

Ready to Wear Department

Ladies' Cashmere Waists, in navy, brown, ivory and black, regular \$3.00. Sale Price **\$1.95**
 Ladies' Silk Waists, odd lines, ranging from \$1.75 to \$11.00 All Marked Half Price
 Ladies' White Net Waists, regular \$7.25, \$7.50, \$8.75, Sale Price **\$5.00**
 Ladies' White Net Waists, regular \$9.00, \$9.25, \$10.25, \$11.00. Sale Price **\$6.50**
 Ladies' White Net Waists, regular \$13.00 and \$15.00. Sale Price **\$10.00**
 Ladies' Ecu Net Waists, regular \$5.50. Sale **\$3.50**
 Ladies' Ecu Net Waists, regular \$8.35 and \$9.25. Sale Price **\$5.00**
 Ladies' Ecu Net Waists, regular \$13.75 and \$14.00. Sale Price **\$10.00**
 Ladies' Black Net Waists, regular \$5.75. Sale **\$3.50**
 Ladies' Black Net Waists, regular \$8.75 and \$9.75. Sale Price **\$5.00**
 Ladies' Black Net Waists, regular \$12.00. Sale **\$8.50**
 Ladies' Black Net Waists, regular \$13.75. Sale **\$9.00**
 Ladies' Black Net Waists, regular \$16.75. Sale **\$11.00**
 Ladies' Colored Flannelette Waists, regular \$1.40 and \$1.85. Sale **75¢**
 Children's Knitted Norfolk Golfers, white, red and navy, regular \$2.25. Sale **\$1.65**

Fancy Side and Back Combs all Half Price
 Ladies' Long White Woollen Gloves, regular 65¢, Marked to, per pair, **25¢**

Ladies' Knitted Waistcoats, red, navy and black, regular \$1.25. Sale Price **85¢**
 Girls' Flannelette Nightdresses, sizes from 4 to 14 years, regular price 80¢. Sale Price **50¢**
 Girls' Flannelette Drawers, regular 40¢ pair. Sale **25¢**
 Ladies' Flowered Flannelette Kimonas, regular \$2.00. Sale Price **\$1.50**
 Ladies' Embroidered Linen Waists (not made up, handsewnly embroidered on good linen, regular \$7.25. Sale Price **\$4.50**
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 Ladies' Embroidered Linen Waists (not made up) handsewnly embroidered on good linen, regular \$8.75. Sale Price **\$4.50**
 Ladies' Eyelet Embroidered Waists, also not made up, regular \$2.75, for **\$1.50**
 Young Ladies' White Net and Point d' Esprit Dresses, with Silk Slip and Silk Drop Skirt, regular \$32.50. Sale Price **\$24.00**
 Young Ladies' White Net and Point d' Esprit Dresses, with Silk Slip and Silk Drop Skirt, regular \$27.50. Sale Price **\$20.00**
 Young Ladies' White Net and Point d' Esprit Dresses, with Silk Slip and Silk Drop Skirt, regular \$25.00. Sale Price **\$19.00**
 Young Ladies' White Net and Point d' Esprit Dresses, with Silk Slip and Silk Drop Skirt, regular \$18.50. Sale Price **\$15.00**

House Furnishings

Eiderdown Quilts, regular \$6.50, for **\$5.00**
 Eiderdown Quilts, regular \$7.00, for **\$5.50**
 Eiderdown Quilts, regular \$12.00, for **\$9.00**
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Do Not Forget the Remnant Table

Fifteen per cent off all Dress Goods and Staples not otherwise marked at Sale Prices during first ten days of our January Sale.

Blankets

Good Blankets, size 60 x 78 inches. January Sale Price, pair **\$4.00**
 Good Blankets, heavier, 60 x 78 inches. January Sale Price, pair **\$5.00**
 All Wool Blankets, 64 x 80 inches. January Sale Price, pair **\$5.50**
 All Wool 7-pound Blankets, 64 x 82 inches. January Sale Price, pair **\$5.75**
 All Wool 8-pound Blankets, 68 x 86 inches. January Sale Price, pair **\$6.60**
 All Wool 7-pound Blankets, 64 x 82 inches. January Sale Price, pair **\$6.00**
 All Wool 8-pound Blankets, 68 x 86 inches. January Sale Price, pair **\$6.75**
 Extra Fine All Wool Blankets, 60 x 80 inches, 6-pound. January Sale Price, pair **\$6.00**
 Extra Fine All Wool Blankets, 72 x 86 inches, 7-pound. January Sale Price, pair **\$7.00**
 Extra Fine All Wool Blankets, 68x88 inches, 8-pound. January Sale Price, pair **\$8.25**
 Finest All Wool Scotch Blankets, 72 x 86 inches. **\$9.00**
 Finest All Wool Scotch Blankets, 72 x 90 inches. **\$9.50**
 Finest All Wool Scotch Blankets, 80 x 90 in. **\$11.00**

Marcella and Honeycomb Quilts

All at January Sale Prices

Lace Curtains

Good Nottingham Lace, 3 yds. long, special, pair **90¢**
 Good Nottingham Lace, 3 1-4 yds. long, reg. \$1.50. Sale Price **\$1.20**
 Good Nottingham Lace, 3 1-2 yds. long, regular \$4.35. Sale Price **\$3.60**
 Good Nottingham Lace, 3 1-2 yds. long, regular \$4.50. Special Sale **\$3.75**
 Good Nottingham Lace, 3 1-2 yds. long, regular \$4.75. Special Sale **\$3.85**

Jaeger's Pure Wool Underwear for Ladies and Children, all to be sold One-Third less than marked prices

Good Nottingham Lace, 3 1-2 yds. long, regular \$5.00. Special Sale **\$4.15**
 Good Nottingham Lace, 3 1-2 yds. long, regular \$5.50. Special Sale **\$4.25**
 Good Nottingham Lace, 3 1-2 yds. long, regular \$6.00. Special Sale **\$5.10**
 Bobinet Ruffled Curtains, one pair only, reg. \$6.00 for **\$4.00**
 Irish Point Curtains, 3 pairs only, reg. \$5.50, sale **\$3.95**
 Irish Point Curtains, 1 pair only, reg. \$9.00, sale **\$6.00**
 Irish Point Curtains, 1 pair only, reg. \$12.50, sale **\$8.00**
 Irish Point Curtains, 2 pairs only, reg. \$6.75, sale **\$4.95**
 Irish Point Curtains, 1 pair only, reg. \$7.75, sale **\$4.50**
 Irish Point Curtains, 2 pairs only, reg. \$8.00, sale **\$5.00**
 Irish Point Curtains, 4 pairs only, reg. \$8.50, sale **\$5.75**
 Swiss Curtains, 3 pairs only, reg. \$12.00, sale .. **\$7.50**

Underwear

Ladies' White Fleece Lined Vests and Drawers, reg. 40¢ for **25¢**
 Ladies' White Fleece Lined Vests and Drawers, reg. 60¢ for **45¢**
 Ladies' White Fleece Lined Vests and Drawers, reg. 75¢, for **50¢**
 Watson's Unshrinkable, white, regular \$1.00, sale **75¢**
 Watson's Unshrinkable, white, regular \$1.65, sale **\$1.30**
 Watson's Unshrinkable, white, regular \$1.40, sale **\$1.00**
 Watson's Unshrinkable, grey, regular 75¢ and \$1.00, sale **50¢**
 Ladies' Turnbull Combinations, in natural wool, reg. \$2.25. Sale **\$1.75**
 Ladies' Swiss Combinations, white, regular \$3.25, sale **\$2.00**
 Ladies' Swiss Combinations, white, regular \$2.50, sale **\$1.60**
 Children's German make Natural Wool Vests, heavy, regular 85¢ to \$1.25, marked at Half Price
 Children's Watson Unshrinkable Vests, sizes 12 and 14, regular 40¢ and 45¢ for **25¢**
 Children's Watson Unshrinkable Vests, size 16, reg. 50¢ for **30¢**
 Children's Watson Unshrinkable Vests, sizes 18 and 20, regular 55¢, for **35¢**

Corsets

Children's Corset Waists, in drab and white, odd lines, clearing out at, per pair **25¢**
 Children's Corset Waists, regular 80¢, sale price **50¢**
 Children's Corset Waists, regular 60¢, sale price **40¢**
 Ladies' Corset Waists, regular \$1.25, sale price **75¢**
 Odd Lines of Crompton Corsets, regular prices from \$1.00 to \$1.25. All marked to, per pair **50¢**
 American Lady Corsets, Mightybone, regular \$3.00, for **\$1.75**
 American Lady Corsets, No. 324, regular \$1.75 for **\$1.00**
 Ladies' Tape Girdles, regular 50¢ and 75¢, for, pair **35¢**
 Ladies' Tape Girdles, regular \$1.25, for **75¢**

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Cambric Corset Covers, tight back with fillet lace trimming **30¢**
 Fine Cambric Corset Covers, tight fitting, embroidery trimmed, button front, extra good value **45¢**
 Corset Covers, with tucked back, draw string around waist, embroidery yoke with embroidery in armholes and neck, sizes 32 to 42 **50¢**
 Ladies' Corset Covers, same as above, but trimmed with torchon insertion, beading and lace with ribbon **60¢**
 Fine Cambric Corset Covers, insertion down front and ribbon to draw in, around neck **65¢**

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 Cambric Drawers, with tucked frills and embroidery trimming **75¢**
 Fine Cambric Drawers, extra quality, wide embroidery and frills **\$1.00**
 Fine Cambric Drawers, with extra fine shadow embroidery **\$1.25**
 Fine Cambric Drawers, with insertion of shadow and wide embroidery frills, very good value **\$1.75**
 Ladies' Nightdresses, of cambric, low neck, short sleeve, linen lace trimmed, length 58 and 60 inch, **65¢**
 Cambric Nightdresses, good value, tucked yokes, V neck with hemstitched frills on neck and sleeves, **85¢**
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NEWS OF THE CITY

Mission Open Today.

The mission, Yates st., will be open all day today. Hot coffee will be provided and in the evening a concert will be held. All men, especially strangers are invited to be present.

Treated for Appendicitis.

Mrs. Llewellyn Woods, of Comox, was successfully treated for appendicitis in St. Joseph's hospital yesterday, the operating surgeon being Dr. O. M. Jones.

Card of Thanks

The sisters and nurses of St. Joseph's hospital desire to express through the Colonist their thanks to the many kind friends who sent Christmas presents.

Sea Green, Not Blue

The consignment of slates landed from the steamer "Pian" for use on the new Dunsmuir residence are sea green, not blue slates as stated yesterday. They are consigned to T. Catterall.

Service at Christ Church

Service will be held at 11 o'clock this morning in Christ church cathedral, when Bishop Perrin will deliver the address. The communion service will be celebrated at 8 a.m.

A Good Ending

So far as the police court was concerned the old year went out with flying colors. Yesterday, the last day of the year, witnessed an absolutely clean docket, the magistrate qualifying for a pair of white gloves, which a thrifty corporation invariably fails to provide.

To Lecture on Egypt.

Egypt a country which he visited somewhat recently, is the subject of a lecture, which the Rev. C. E. Cooper, M.A., the rector of St. Saviour's Church, in Victoria West, will deliver before the members of the Anglican Young People's Association, in St. John's Hall on Wednesday evening next.

Meetings at Gospel Hall

The annual meetings for Christians will be held at Gospel Hall, Pandion street, today, Jan. 1, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. These meetings are open to all, and it is especially requested that all those who are interested in the study of scriptures will attend these meetings.

Knows What is Good

Dr. George Hall, brother of Mayor Hall, whilom mayor of Nelson and now M.P.P. for that constituency, has come to Victoria to live. He went to Nelson about twelve years ago and was in the enjoyment of a large medical practice. He can now live where he pleases, and has selected Victoria as his future place of abode.

Rainfall for Year

The rainfall for the past month of December was 4.88 inches, making a total of 26.77 for the year. The precipitation for the different months was as follows: January, 3.22; February, 4.42; March, 4.58; April, 6.3; May, 1.27; June, .09; July, .45; August, .57; September, .82; October, 2.33; November, 4.01; December, 4.88.

St. John's Church Social.

The Sunday School entertainment, with Christmas tree of the St. John's Church Sunday School, takes place in St. John's Hall on Tuesday evening next. First and second prizes will be given to members of each class and Father Christmas will in addition hand to every scholar a package of candies.

Prayers for Italy.

"In view of the appalling catastrophe in Italy, which fills our hearts with sadness," said his Lordship Bishop Perrin last evening, "it is only fitting that we should all unite in earnest prayer for the sufferers, and I venture to hope that in all the churches not only in this Diocese, but in all the churches in this city special prayers will be offered on Sunday next. This is especially one of those times when divided as we are, we are in our church organization, we can freely unite in proffering the fullest sympathy to those most unfortunate people."

Thanks for Remembrance.

The Motormen and Conductors, of the B.C.R.R., wish to thank the following gentlemen for their kindness in remembering them during Christmas and in return for their thoughtfulness and kindness they all join in wishing them a Happy and Prosperous New Year: Mr. Forrest Angus, of the Charles St. cash; Messrs. Bullen Bros., of Esquimalt Rd., cash; Mr. C. A. Holland, of Rockland Ave., cheque; Mr. Henderson, Dominion Building Inspector, cash; Mr. A. T. Goward, Local Manager, cigars; Mr. J. D. Holmbeck, K.C., cigars; Mr. Fernie, Oak Bay Ave., cigars; Messrs. Wilkerson & Brown, Florist, cigars; Mr. Jenis, Head St., cigars; Mr. McCurdy, Head St., cigars; Mr. Benson, M.P.P., cigars; Mr. Barnacle, University School, cigars.

Entertainment at Y.M.C.A.

In the Y.M.C.A. auditorium this evening, Miss Nylands will sing the "Children's Home," by Cohen; Miss E. Scovcroft, "The Story of the Year," by Gerald Lane, and Miss Cocker "My An Folk," by Dora C. Lemon. Mrs. Cleason will recite, while Mrs. Bracco and Mr. A. R. Dobson will contribute a piano duet. Mr. H. Shandley will sing "The Storm Flood," by Roedel. Capt. D. McIntosh, the chairman of the literary committee, who will preside, will present the prizes, which will have been won during the day. Mayor Hall's challenge cup, which must be won twice in succession; silver medals, first and second prizes, contributed by Mrs. C. Wenger and Mr. W. G. Findlay; the physical director, and a watch for the third prize, which is the gift of a member of the association, Mr. Brook. The first medal goes with the Mayor's cup.



THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 31, 1908: SYNOPSIS.

An important high barometer area moved today from the Yukon across this province to Montana, while on the coast of Vancouver Island and Washington state an easterly gale prevailed and rain fell in California. The weather remains fine in the Prairie provinces with zero temperatures.

TEMPERATURE.

	Mfn.	Max.
Victoria	35	40
Vancouver	36	47
New Westminster	38	47
Kamloops	zero	6
Barkerville	22 below 6	10
Atlin	20 below 10	10
Dawson, Y. T.	22 below 14	10
Calgary, Alta.	20 below 14	10
Winnipeg, Man.	20 below 6	10
Portland, Ore.	38	58
San Francisco, Cal.	42	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Northerly or easterly winds, chiefly cloudy with rain or sleet.
Lower Mainland: Winds mostly northerly or easterly, chiefly cloudy with rain or sleet.

THURSDAY.

Highest	40
Lowest	35
Mean	37
Sunshine	12 minutes.

DECEMBER.

Highest temperature	52.0
Lowest temperature	28.3
Mean temperature	39.8
Total precipitation for the month	4.88 inches.
Average amount 1908	26.88 inches.
Bright sunshine 61 hours, 48 minutes; mean daily proportion 24; (constant sunshine being 1.)	

THE MAILS

Vancouver and the East
Closes—Daily at 11.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m., except Sunday.
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Due—Daily at 2 p.m.

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Closes—Daily, except Sunday, at 11.30 p.m.
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China and Japan
Closes—Dec. 8, 15, 20, 30.
Due—Dec. 3, 10, 14, 19, 23, 28.

Australia and New Zealand
Closes—Dec. 4, 13, 22.
Due—Dec. 18, 27.

Dawson, Atlin, White Horse, etc.
Closes—Dec. 1, 9, 15, 18, 25, 29, 30.
Due—Uncertain.

Port Simpson, Prince Rupert, etc.
Closes—1, 8, 14, 15, 22, 28.
Due—Dec. 1, 5, 10, 13, 18, 25, 28, 31.

West Coast Ports
Due—Dec. 1, 10, 20.
Due—Dec. 5, 15, 27.

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Closes—Via Nanaimo, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. By steamer, 1, 10, 20.

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Service at St. Andrew's

Service will be held at 11 o'clock this morning, when the pastor, the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, will deliver an address.

HEAR PAPERS

University Club Women Listen to Papers By Visitors

At the Carnegie library yesterday afternoon the University Women's club of Victoria held a meeting at which only members of that club and representatives from the University Women's club of Vancouver were present. The president, Mrs. Young, was in the chair and opened the meeting by asking for a roll call. By request each member replied by giving the name of her university and date of graduation. Representatives of the following universities responded: Acadia, McGill, Queen's, University College, Toronto; Trinity College, Toronto; Dalhousie, Manitoba; Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Leland Stanford Junior Oregon Agricultural college, Smith. After roll call Mrs. Young welcomed the visitors from Vancouver in a short address and then called upon Miss Fraser of the Lincoln High school, Seattle, to read a paper. Miss Fraser in her paper, which was entitled "The Service of the Library," dwelt upon the benefits of a public library to the community in general and to the schools in particular. As this admirable and most suggestive paper will be published later it is unnecessary to give a synopsis of it here. Miss Cann opened the discussion on Miss Fraser's paper and was followed by Mrs. Hayward and Miss Smith, who spoke briefly.

Mrs. Farris, president of the University Women's club of Vancouver, then gave an address upon the subject "The Inheritance of the Educated Canadian Woman." Mrs. Farris' address which was given without notes was very much appreciated and was followed by an animated discussion in which Mrs. McGill, Mrs. Ryan and others took part. Mrs. Farris also kindly consented to allow her address to be published.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Burnett.

Rev. Christopher Burnett, yesterday morning received the sad news of the death of his mother in her 62nd year, at the Baptist Manse, in Baill's Colne, Essex, where his father has charge of a Baptist congregation, who died very quietly and suddenly, while seated in her chair in the house at 9 o'clock in the evening of

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the 15, of December, and her death was moreover wholly unexpected.

MacDonald.

The funeral of the late Charles H. MacDonald, will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p.m., from the family residence, Liverpool Street, Esquimalt. The Rev. A. E. Roberts will officiate.

Roe

Martin Roe, who has been a resident of the city for some eight years, died at his residence, 907 View Street, last evening, after a short illness. The funeral arrangements have not yet been concluded.

LADIES TO PRACTICE

Victoria Hockey Club Players Preparing for Game With Vancouver

The ladies of the Victoria club will hold a practice tomorrow afternoon, starting at 1.30 o'clock, at the Oak Bay grounds. Two teams will be selected by the captain and vice-captain so that it is hoped that there will be a full attendance. It is important that the players receive good training on this occasion as the date of their match with Vancouver is not far away.

DAVIES' BOWLERS WON FROM THE FAIRALLS

Close Match at the Elite Alleys—Another Game on Monday

When Davies and Fairall's bowling teams came together the other evening at the Elite alleys the result was a splendid match, Davies' men winning out by a comparatively small margin. The detailed score follows:

	Total.	Avg.
Davies	452	151
Cusack	484	161
Archibald	482	161
Stevens	346	115
Fairall	2257	756
Pettlerew	434	145
Harris	434	145
Healey	381	127
Beil	300	100
	2133	712

Pettlerew had high score, 212, and also high average, 195.
Monday night Hick's team will play Aaronson's five.

The young man who sets out to be the architect of his own fortune must not scorn to be the bricklayer and hod carrier as well.—Westley.

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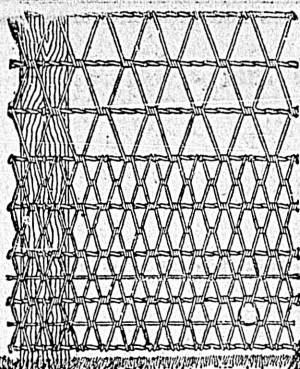
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"The Dominion government should put up the money to develop and render possible of access the three and a half million acres of land in the Peace river district which is now granted by the province of British Columbia. This is the district of J. K. Cornwall, who has spent some fifteen years in that part of the country, first as fur trader and then as steamer man. He now owns the only link of communication between the remote regions of the Peace river and Edmonton, the nearest city. Mr. Cornwall is a Liberal in politics, and this but makes more emphatic his dictum that the Dominion government do not realize the conditions prevailing in northern and northeastern British Columbia, or they would not try and insist upon saddling upon this province the financial arrangements as at present.

Mr. Cornwall came down to the coast to get married, the ceremony being performed in Vancouver on Wednesday. He spent yesterday in the city en route for California, where the honeymoon will be spent. Dismissing the Peace river district at the Empress yesterday afternoon, he said:

"The Peace River Lands. I don't think that the people of British Columbia realize what a vast empire they possess in that country. There are about 50 million acres of good land in what is generally called the Peace river district, and the bulk of it lies east of the Rockies. There are about 8 million acres of land on the prairie side of the range adjoining the province of Alberta. This is all good agricultural and grazing land, with an excellent climate. It will grow wheat as well as Alberta, and the nearer you get to the Rockies the milder is the climate, as the Chinook winds have the more effect. At present this land is unsettled because it is inaccessible and also because British Columbia is not represented there in any way. Would-be settlers have no means of knowing where Alberta and British Columbia begins, or what land belongs to the Dominion and what to the province. The Dominion surveyors are now mapping out blocks of land in the centre of this territory and are picking the best. The necessary roads and other facilities to enable settlers to go in there will cost an immense amount of money, and I think that the Dominion government could put up the money to develop the land. I am a Liberal in politics, but I do not think that I should blind myself to what is right. The author of the Ottawa have no conception of the conditions which exist or they could readily admit the fact that British Columbia is in an absolutely different position to any of the other Canadian provinces. Your light footed author, Mr. Bettor, is a Liberal, and I think that it can be dispensed by anyone who really knows what conditions are.

Need of Roads. "There is agricultural land in millions of acres, coal in abundance, timber, fish, and varied mineral resources but they are valueless without means of transportation. An immense sum of money is required for road building and the needs of northern British Columbia make any other method of computing the Dominion grant absolutely ridiculous to any one who understands the comparative conditions prevailing in British Columbia and other provinces.

"The Peace river is a long grass country, and is the only ranching district left in Canada. In the ordinary winter cattle and horses can range for themselves on the range. The country, however, is beginning to come to the front and surveyors for the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk were in the field last season looking for the best routes into the country. I do not think there will be any difficulty about this as there are no great engineering difficulties to be overcome.

"The natural waterways are most important. The Mackenzie is navigable for 1,200 miles for steamers drawing seven feet of water. The Peace river, with the exception of one place, is navigable for 400 miles, and all told the Mackenzie and its tributaries are navigable for 3,000 miles only by water. At present the only way to go to the Alberta side of the line because the British Columbia territory is not surveyed and there is no government agent there, but it will not be long before all that country will be covered with farms and ranches."

His Life in the North. Mr. Cornwall is now in the steamboat business on the Athabasca, but for many years he was a fur trader in the Peace river country, selling out to a Canadian fur firm. He speaks the Indian languages as well as the English, though he has the appearance of a man accustomed to civilized life rather than frontier life. In his years of trading he has naturally acquired a close knowledge of the habits of the fur-bearing animals of the north, and has some interesting information to impart. When asked what fur trade and the reported diminution of the fur-bearing animals he said:

"Of course the advance of settlement drives the fur farther north, but otherwise the situation remains unchanged. The fur yield varies some say the animals migrate, but I don't think they do. I think they are gradually dying out. For instance the blue fox comes and goes every seven years. I have driven for hundreds of miles and have not seen a sign of a rabbit, not even a track, but two years afterwards the same district would be swarming with them. They breed tremendously fast, but when they get to a certain point an epidemic of some sort kills them off—probably from over-breeding. This has its result in the more important fur-bearing animals. The lynx follows the rabbit. In a year when the rabbit is plentiful, 20,000 lynxes may be trapped, the next year 1,000, and the next year perhaps none at all. In the same way with the coyotes, wolves and foxes. When the rabbits are plentiful the coyotes and wolves have no difficulty in rearing a full litter of pups, but when they are scarce many, and sometimes all, of them die. In fact the mother may be compelled to eat them. Then these animals prey upon one another when there is no other food, and so it results that when the rabbits go, the coyotes, wolves and foxes go too. The lynx also preys upon the martin, and so it is found that when rabbits and lynxes are plentiful the martin disappears. On the other

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hand when the lynx diminishes the martin makes his appearance once more. He lives upon squirrels, birds and so forth, so the disappearance of the rabbit does not affect him. Thus the fur business largely goes in cycles. Of course this does not apply to the bear, caribou and moose. These animals abound. In fact the Peace river country is the greatest game preserve on the North American continent."

Concerning the Buffalo. Asked concerning the buffalo, Mr. Cornwall said: "They are to be found between the Peace and the Great Slave rivers, or roughly, between latitudes 58 and 61. They are somewhat darker and a little smaller than the prairie buffalo, which is due to in-breeding, as they are taken from the same stock. There are probably about 500 of them, and they just about hold their own. There is a great controversy between the Inspector of the Northwest Mounted Police and Mr. Seton Thompson as to why there are so few of them, though they both to some extent blame the Indians for the extermination. I think they are both wrong and that the only people who know are the Indians. From my knowledge of the country, I am satisfied that the Indians keep the law, and never kill the buffalo except when driven to by hunger. The Indians are law-abiding when kept away from whiskey. Every cattleman knows that the wolf will watch for the cow which is about to calve and try to snatch the calf directly it is born. The buffalo is the same kind of animal as the cow, and the Indians say that the wolf does the same in their case, and for my part I quite believe them. They talk freely enough to me. Once the cows get back to the herd with her new born calf, it is safe. The next period of danger comes when the calf is just weaned, and like all young things strays away from the herd and does a little jumping with his tail in the air. The wolf is always watching, and directly the calf does this the alp so that he can cut him out, he alps him. That is the reason why the calf and that is the reason why the herd does not increase."

HEAD TAX PAID BY MANY CHINESE

Returns for Current Year From
the Local Custom Authorities

During the year just closed the sum of \$33,000 was paid in head taxes by 662 Chinese who entered the Dominion at the port of Victoria. During the same time 1,721 Chinese left to return to China. Probably about seventy per cent of these will return. They have the privilege of returning to the Dominion if they arrive within a year from the time of their departure. On the last Japanese steamer to arrive was one who had a narrow escape from being too late. He had but one day to elapse when he landed. The Chinese was confronted by a dilemma at Hongkong. The only steamer to sail was the Japanese line, and the boycotters vowed vengeance on any Chinese who patronized the Japanese line. His position was explained and permission was given by the guilds for him to travel by the Japanese vessel which arrived with but one day's grace.

The greatest number of Chinese who paid the poll tax arrived during May, when 135 landed. June's number was a close second. During that month 112 landed. The smallest number to arrive in any month during last year was in September, when but 12 paid the head tax. During the same month the greatest number left port. There were 509 outbound, homeward for the New Year holidays in September. The exodus began in July. In June but 61 left while in July there were 379 and in August, 406. There were 406 in August, and 509 in September.

The number of newcomers and outbound Chinese month by month last year follows. January, inward, paying head tax, 38; outward, 22. February, 19; out, 25. March, 16; out, 24. April, 19; out, 32. May, 19; out, 39. June, 19; out, 37. July, 19; out, 37. August, 19; out, 45. September, 19; out, 50. October, 19; out, 50. November, 19; out, 50. December, 19; out, 50. The customs returns for the month just closed were about \$90,000, including duty amounting to \$85,000. Chinese revenue of \$5,876, and other revenue of \$34,76. The returns for the eleven months previous were recently published by the Colonist. The total for the year is \$1,373,775.33, the amount collected during the twelve months for duties on imports totalling \$1,063,006.35.

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Delegation of Educators Re-
ceives Reassurance From
the Hon. Dr. Young

A delegation of teachers, headed by the deputy minister of education, had an interview with the Hon. Dr. Young yesterday morning. The object of the delegation was to see if the teachers in the public schools would be able to share in the proposed pension system which is to be introduced at the forthcoming session in connection with the civil service bill introduced at the last session of the legislature.

The minister of education was able to assure the delegates that their case had been occupying his attention for some months, and that it was intended to enable the public school teachers to avail themselves of the privileges granted by the pension legislation. The fact that the great proportion of the teachers, as is inevitable in a new country full of opportunities, do not take up teaching as a life work, but abandon it for other callings after a few years makes the problem harder of solution; but the necessary data is being accumulated and when the bill is brought down before the house it will be found that the teachers have not been forgotten.

BUILDING OPERATIONS BRISK DURING YEAR

Victoria Makes a Remarkable
Showing for Past Twelve
Months

Yesterday saw the close of the most successful year in the history of Victoria from the standpoint of building operations. With the close of the year the total amount expended in buildings was brought to the big figure of \$1,314,740 for the city alone, the total number of permits issued during the year by the building inspector being 526.

But the permits issued by the city do not tell the whole story of the growth of the city in this respect. In Oak Bay, Esquimalt and South Saanich, these sections immediately adjoining Victoria and which form part of the city, the amount of building undertaken was larger than ever before. It is estimated that the value of buildings erected in Oak Bay during the year was \$80,000; in Saanich, \$40,000, and in Esquimalt \$50,000. These totals added to that for the city proper and to the value of the detention shed, additions to the post office and to Government house, no permits having to be taken out in these three cases, bring the total up to \$1,484,740, compared with a total a year ago of \$1,490,250. Just what the value of the work done under the head of repairs amounts to is not definitely known, but the building inspector states that \$100,000 will be a conservative estimate.

The impetus given to building operations was felt in every section of the city. No particular section seems to have been favored more than another. On every hand have been built handsome dwellings, while several important commercial structures have been erected or work thereon commenced. These additions to the city's buildings tell in the clearest manner possible the story of Victoria's great growth during the twelve months just ended.

December, a month usually comparatively quiet in building matters, was quite the reverse this year. The total number of permits for buildings of an aggregate value of \$113,025 brings December well up to the front. In fact only two other months of the year showed greater totals, April, with a total of \$128,125, and August, \$132,770. The showing made by Victoria during the past year is a remarkable one when it is considered that in the other leading cities of the Dominion the amount expended on buildings has shown great decreases. In some instances the year's record showing an expenditure of little more than half of that for 1907. Here however, there has been no falling off, but the pace set in the previous twelve months has been kept up unabated during last year.

The monthly record for the year showing the number of permits issued and the aggregate value of the buildings erected was as follows:

Month	permits	value
January	36	\$ 54,725
February	44	73,315
March	52	110,800
April	52	128,125
May	39	79,795
June	46	74,010
July	54	106,080
August	60	132,770
September	38	53,630
October	54	97,755
November	47	104,510
December	40	113,025

Twelve months	value
1907	\$1,314,740
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Lord Strathcona's English Residence

A recent number of The Bystander,
London, contains a number of pictures
of Knebworth House, the magnificent
English country residence of Lord
Strathcona. It is the Tudor home of
the Lyttons, and is one of the stately,
historic homes of England. In describing
the beautiful old place The Bystander
says:

Like many of the fine old mansions
of England, Knebworth, at Stevenage,
Hertfordshire, has been built upon the
site of a once famous fortress. In the
days of the Norman Conquest that
which is now so agreeable a home and
park, was a stronghold, and a centre
of warlike men. The Tudor house
which followed was begun, when
Henry VII. was king, by Sir Robert
Lytton, and continued by his successors.
When Queen Elizabeth visited
the family—an honor she must have
conferred on many hundreds of her
devoted subjects—Knebworth was a large
quadrangular building. It is said that
only one wing of that vast house
was used in the construction of the
present home of the Lyttons.

Mrs. Elizabeth features and many
additions by Inigo Jones and later
builders of architecture and decoration
have been added by the generations
that have passed through Knebworth.
The gardens especially have been
greatly developed during the last century,
and although many of them preserve
the old-world character of the
early days of Knebworth, but this
is rather the result of that art which
modern students of gardening find
easy to bring to perfection. Most of
our historic homes can boast one pre-
dominate figure which overshadows the
line of great personages who have
owned and passed on their heritage,
and so it is with the home of the
Lyttons.

In the case of Knebworth the man
one thinks of first is that of her
early reading, the distinguished, eccentric
statesman, orator, and man of
letters, who was created the first Baron
Lytton—the Lytton Bulwer, son of the
sole heiress and last descendant of
the Lyttons, who became Bulwer Lytton,
and loomed so largely in the world
of fashion and of letters in the middle
of the last century. It was here that
Lord Lytton wrote many of his books,
and the house and park are still filled
with memories of the days of that
once famous man. One is reminded,
too, of his in some ways still more
famous son, the gifted and picturesque
"Owen Meredith," the first Earl of the
name, who added a new page to the
history of India, and graced diplomacy
with his poetic aspirations.

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the capacity, of doing a thing well and
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New Year's Day has been observed
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in some way or other we can start
day make a new beginning, that the
old year with all its mistakes, its failures
and its sins has passed away and
that the new year is full of the promise
of better things. A feeling of
confidence and hope comes to almost
all of us as hand clasps hands and
we meet one another with "A Happy
New Year." The very expression of
the wish is a sign of its fulfillment.
Whether we acknowledge it or not we
are dependent on one another for
that which makes life most worth
living. Few men and fewer women
are sufficient unto themselves. Dis-
eases has not many counterparts in
our modern life. The light that comes
from above must be reflected from
some human heart before we can feel
its glow or be touched by its warmth.
If this is true it points the direction
which our New Year's resolutions
should take. Whatever else a woman
does, whatever station she may occupy,
she can by simple unaffected kindness
make the year a happier one for all
around her. No task which a woman
can set herself for the year, that
is coming, is more worth doing than
this. In this spirit the writer wishes
all the readers of this page

A HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

There are very few of us who are
not inclined, as we look out on
the evils in the world around us,
to think that the world is growing worse.
That there are what seem to many
to be very dangerous tendencies in
our present day civilization it would
be foolish to deny. Yet in one re-
spect and that a very important one,
progress is very apparent. In no
former time was there so great a
number of people devoting their lives
to the good of their fellow creatures.
The world is full of hospitals, in many
of which women are devoting their
lives without recompense to the cure
of those whose bodies are racked with
pain. The blind, the deaf and the
lame are cared for and nothing that
skill and science have been able to
invent is wanting to their service.
Wherever there is poverty, there are
men and women ready to help them
in the distress of the sufferers. Nor is
it only the ill of the body that the
charity ministers. In every city hands
are stretched out to help the weak
and the fallen and they are helped
back to the paths of virtue in in-
stitutions provided by the
generosity and self-denial of their
fellow men and women. Sometimes,
as in the case of the Salvation Army,
their helpers spend great sums to re-
move these unfortunate ones to better
surroundings where they may really
begin a new life.

Our inmate asylums have become
hospitals, where men have learned "to
minister to a mind diseased," and
thousands who, in a past generation
would have undergone for years a
living death, are now able to lead
lives of usefulness. Even our prisons
are no longer places of dreary and
hopeless punishment, but in some
cases, at least, prepare their inmates
to return to society fitted to serve in-
stead of injuring their fellow men. Nor
is it only the sick and the weak, the
moral natures are injured or warped,
who are benefited by the operation
of the law of love. The children
in our homes and in our schools are
very seldom, in these days, treated
with cruelty or severity. To please
and instruct the little ones, the
men of genius have given of their
best. In no former time have there
been more smiles and fewer tears
among the children than in our own
time. It is true, there are many
who say that in this direction we have
gone too far, that our leniency
not always been kindness. While
this may be true it cannot be denied
that in the past there was much need-
less severity.

Among the nations, while there is
great preparation for war which a
quarter of a century ago would have
led to bloodshed, these have been
settled according to the claims of
justice. Ancient hatreds have been
buried and old prejudices done away
with. The world is far from being
perfect but if love is the fulfilling
of the law, it is advancing towards
perfection. All who are actively in
helping their fellow men and women may
well take courage and go on.

In the face of the awful disaster
in Italy, human reason stands ap-
palled. The imagination cannot com-
ceive of anything so terrible. One
may only say that the help of the
victims. Only in work and service can
there be any relief for those who in
any degree realize the extent of such
a calamity. For the rest silence is
best.

Do people who use the mails for
the transmission of money, ever think
to how great a temptation the em-
ployees of the postoffice must
often be subjected? That there is so
seldom any money taken from the
thousands of registered letters that
every day pass through the mails,
speaks volumes for the integrity of
a large class of officials, many of
whom are not too well paid. If send-
ers of money took the very slight
degree of trouble required to purchase
a money order or a postal note, they
would remove the temptation to dis-
honesty which the registered envelope
sometimes presents to a young lad.
This may seem a little thing but it
is worth while.

Mrs. Nation is an example of a
woman who tried to accomplish a
great end by her own efforts. It is said
that she has been received by the
English people with anything but
honor. It is difficult to understand
why people who tolerate Mrs. Pank-
hurst and her followers should ob-
ject to Carrie Nation. She had a
much better excuse for breaking the
law than have the British suffragettes.

As some enquiries have been made
regarding the origin of the new C. P.
R. steamer's name, and as the facts

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Banana Custard.

Beat together the yolks of two eggs,
a half-cup of sugar and a teaspoonful
of cornstarch rubbed smooth in a little
milk. Pour this mixture into a pint of
boiling milk and cook, stirring it until
it thickens. Slice four bananas into a
pudding dish, and pour the custard
over them. Beat the whites of two
eggs to a stiff froth with one teaspoon-
ful of sugar, spread them over the cus-
tard and set in the oven long enough
to brown.

A Rice and Fig Dessert.

Wash and pick over a cupful of rice
and put it into a double boiler with a
cup and a half each of milk and water.
Boil until tender and thick and creamy,
butter on each layer and sprinkle each
layer with a half-pound of figs, add a cup
of sugar and a cup of water. Cook
slowly to a thick mass. Put the rice
on a platter, put the fig sauce in the
middle of the rice, and serve with rich
cream.

Jellied Eels.

Skin and clean two large or three
small eels, cut them in pieces and put
in layers in a jar with a piece of
butter on each layer and sprinkle each
layer with salt and cayenne. Cover
the jar closely and set it in a saucepan
of boiling water. Keep the water boil-
ing around it for two hours, then set
the jar in a cool place for the jelly to
get cold and firm.

Egg Chocolate.

Into a half-cup of cold water and a
half-cup of milk, beat two tea-
spoonfuls of chocolate. To do this turn
all into a bowl and whip very light.
Put into a saucepan, bring to a hard
boil, beat again hard, sweeten to taste,
and pour, beating steadily, upon one
egg, whipped light. Serve at once.
Flavor with vanilla if liked.

Rolls.

A little time spent in making rolls for
breakfast or dinner always gains great
appreciation from the household. This
is easily done if a good recipe is at
hand, and the oven heats rapidly.
Sometimes, too, the rolls will bear re-
heating, and be as good as when freshly
made. This recipe is simple and ex-
cellent. Take two pounds of flour,
a little salt, two ounces of lard or clar-
ified beef dripping and two eggs beaten
into two spoonfuls of yeast and a pint
of warm milk. Knead the dough thor-
oughly and set it to rise near the fire.
Then divide into twelve or fourteen
rolls, place on buttered baking sheets
and set before the fire to rise to a pro-
per size. Then bake in a steady oven
for half an hour, and place on a sieve
till cooled.

SOME BRIDGE PLAYERS

The lady with the deprecatory smile.
"I'm afraid," she says, "that I don't
play a very good game." When you
protest that you have heard of some
of her brilliant plays, she smiles hard-
er than ever, and declares that you
are only saying that to reassure her.
Afterwards, when she establishes the
suit that your opponent led after ex-
hausting your trumps, and your looks
betray you, she says sweetly: "There,
I told you what I was, so you really
mustn't look that way."

The lady who hesitates. It is her
play. She first looks at the dummy's
hand. Then she goes over her own
then she selects a card, pulls it out
and sets it back again. Then she says
softly under her breath, "Oh, dear!"
Then she goes into a brown study,
while her partner leans back, with his
hands in his pockets and whistles
softly to himself. Suddenly she starts
up. Now you know she's off. She
grabs a card almost fiercely, and as
she puts it back, she says: "I only
speak," "only I wish I knew." There
is more silence. Finally with a timid
smile, her hand slips gingerly out and
lays on the table the one card that
her opponents have been hoping and
praying that she would play, and her
partner that she wouldn't.

The third. "Strength or weak-
ness?" she begins, and when you tell
her she almost invariably says the op-
posite for herself, with a slight sniff.
The instant the play begins she closes
up like a mediaeval castle in war time.
You can hear the drawbridge going
up, and the doors creaking. Her lips
are shut tight. Her eyes are glued
to the table. If it is her turn, she be-
gins with a defiant throw down. She
swoops up the cards when she takes
a trick, as if she longed to show the
enemy, by so doing, her own mastery.
When the others lead and she catches
them playing out of the wrong hand,
she announces the fact as if the world
was coming to an end and she was
the only one who could stand it. She
insists upon keeping the score. And
if by any chance anyone else does
it, she is constantly challenging the
figures. And finally, when the play
is over, and she settles back between
hands, she observes, with a metallic
voice, "Well, we got there was out
of that hand, we sure."

The Post-Mortemist. There is a
momentary pause after the last trick
has been taken and the scorer is put-

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Despite the warning of up-to-date
physicians, the circulars of health of-
ficers and the writing of those inter-
ested in the public health and sani-
tation, the gospel of the Saturday night
bath is still preached in many civil-
ized households. In the large cities,
where bathrooms are supplied in
every apartment or flat, however
humble, there is absolutely no excuse
for negligence of this sort. So long
as the child is in arms the mother
gives it a daily bath but as soon as it
is large enough to play around in-
doors and out, and thus come in con-
tact with germs and dirt of every
description, it joins the Saturday
Night Bath club. Who could follow
the maternal reasoning along this line?
Why does the growing, active, dirt-in-
vestigating child require less baths
than the baby which passes most of
its time in crib or coach?

While I am not an advocate of the
daily cold sponge or plunge, I do be-
lieve that a warm bath, not hot, just
tepid, is first aid in the campaign for
good health in the family circle. If
you speak of this afterwards, re-
marking that four aces alone would
have counted one hundred in a no
trumper, whereupon she says, in an
injured tone: "I don't care. I've play-
ed only twice before, anyway, and if
I had known—! But I only did it as a
favor." Which leads you to remark
(cursing inwardly), "Really, you
know, it doesn't matter at all!"—Ches-
terton Todd, in Life.

Dentists' bills will be reduced if
children are taught to clean their
teeth before retiring, as well as in the
morning. Also use dental floss after
meals instead of sharp toothpicks.
Do not imagine that it is time to train
a child in the care of the teeth after
the second or permanent teeth have
come. By that time the child will
be a good deal more careless. It taught
the importance of keeping the first
teeth clean and sound he will be
saved much pain and humiliation in
later years.

Many mothers pass hours curling
and shampooing the heads of their
little girls, to allow the boys to take
care of their own. This is unkind
discrimination, though the boy may
not see it in that light. His scalp
should be watched as carefully as the
girl's and he should be taught how
to shampoo it, working dandruff loose
with the finger tips by the aid of green
soap or a good shampoo mixture.
There is nothing more eloquent of
maternal neglect than the ring of dan-
druff so often seen on the schoolboy's
coat collar. Many boys also ruin
their hair by wetting it night and
morning to keep stubborn locks in
place. This is very apt to make the
hair smell sour. If the hair is very
dry teach the boy to rub a little olive
oil or vaseline into his scalp.

Teach your children how to sit and
walk correctly. If you can possibly
afford it send them to a good dan-
cing school where calisthenics and
dancing lessons are combined. Here
the child will learn to walk on the
ball, not the heel, of the foot. Girls
will learn to stand with the abdomen
in and the spine erect. Girls are
particularly prone to the habit of re-
laxing the muscles of the trunk, and
standing with the chest sunken and
the abdomen protruding.

Watch very carefully for organic
weakness and seek the cause. If you
children squint or contort the face
take them to an oculist. Glasses may
relieve the eye strain and correct the
unsightly habits. Sometimes this
weakness of sight is only temporary
strength returns by the aid of glasses.
Do not be afraid to talk to your
children about the care of their bod-
ies, and particularly about the effect
of foods upon the digestive apparatus.
Many serious ailments, complexion
breaks, etc., in later years can be
traced directly to the fact that chil-
dren were not properly impressed with
the evil results of constipation. Many
mothers believe that it is delicate to
explain to children the functions of
their wonderful bodies, or to preach
the physics of the body, but it can be
desired, not a mere vanity. When
children realize the marvelous piece
of mechanism which has been intrus-
ted to their care they will be less apt
to abuse it than they are now in an
ignorance which the maternal in-
stinct should clear up by intelligent
explanations.

January's Birth Stone

It is a Polish superstition that each
month has a particular gem attached
to it, which governs it, and is supposed
to influence the destiny of persons
born in that month. It has long been
a custom among friends and relatives
and lovers to present each other, on
the anniversary of their natal day,
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tutary gem or gems, accompanied
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notes constancy and fidelity in every
engagement. According to the lapid-
ary the garnet ranks fourth in the list
of valuable gems, the rating being
made according to the resistance to
each other, each of which will punc-
ture or cut the grade below it. The
garnet falls in the same grade with
the cornelian, caruncle, onyx, sar-
donyx, hellotrope, chrysolite, hyacinth
and the cat's-eye.

January's gem is of a deep red color,
very much resembling the ruby, but
is not so valuable. There are also
greenish yellow, brown and black vari-
eties of the garnet. Some very beauti-
ful and valuable specimens have been
found in North Carolina, Kentucky
and other states, while the garnets of
Arizona are unsurpassed in richness,
equalling the famed garnets of Russia.
In Elliott County, Ky., some very fine
garnets have been yielded.

Of all garnets the Syrian is the most
esteemed, and, like all gems, it in-
creases in value with its size, though
there is no specific account of any gar-
nets of historic interest of any great
worth.

Lyof Tolstoi

Aylmer Maude, Tolstoi's latest bio-
grapher, puts an end to many legends
about the famous Russian. He lives
with his wife and family in a large
and well-built house on an estate
situated about 100 miles south of Mos-
cow. Though the house is plainly fur-
nished, everything in it is substantial,
and it contains many signs of culture.
Tolstoi comes down to breakfast be-
tween eight and nine, and then goes to
his study to write undisturbed until
after the rest of the family have had
their lunch, when he comes out and
has his vegetarian meal either by him-
self or in the company of those who
wish to talk to him. In the afternoon
he goes for a walk or a ride.
It is many years since Tolstoi made
boots as an indoor occupation, and it
is also at least fifteen years since he
did much ploughing or outdoor agri-
cultural work. There was a time last-
ing for more than ten years, when he
devoted the greater part of each sum-
mer—the Russian summer is short—to
doing field work such as the peas-
ants do. One year he saved a poor
peasant woman from distress by do-
ing for her the work she would other-
wise have had to hire a man to do.
He also endeavored to give his ser-
vants as little trouble as possible, and
does as much as he can for himself.
His wife, of course, gives him what
money he wants, but he tries to want
as little as possible. In dress, in food,
and in all other respects, he aims at
simplicity.

Have faith in truth, never in num-
bers. The great surge of numbers rolls
up noisily and imposingly, but flattens
on the shore, and slides back into the
mud of oblivion. But a true opinion is
the ocean itself, calm in its rest, eternal
in its power.—Platt.

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HUNTERS SAD AT SEASON'S CLOSE

Shooting Grouse and Pheasants Now Illegal—Geese and Duck Scarce

PROSPECTS VERY GLOOMY

Veteran Explains Why Expected Flight From North Has Not Materialized

With the closing of the open season for grouse and pheasants—for when the old year gave place to the new it became illegal to shoot either of these species of game—hunters are beginning to ruminate on the possibility of the geese and ducks, being plentiful during the next couple of months. Generally speaking they don't appear to be hopeful, although the heavy rains of the past few weeks have resulted in the formation of many more sloughs and miniature lakes than usual, all of which should assist in the attraction of the birds to the districts in the vicinity of Victoria. Up to the present, however, few have been noticed, and therefore those fond of the chase, despite the New Year cheer, the sound of bells and firecrackers on all hands, were exceedingly despondent. They gathered together at different centres and talked over the situation in a tone that was the reverse of optimistic and did not appear at all in keeping with the joyous welcome citizens were tendering the infant year, 1929.

Gloomy Prospects.

"Can't understand it," mournfully remarked a hunter in the course of conversation last night. "As a rule there are plenty of ducks in Denver and Elk lakes at this season. And yet I was out there the other day and couldn't sight a pin-tail, a widgeon, a teal, to say nothing of mallard. Couldn't see anything but mud-hens, and, of course, there were plenty of them. Then I was at Sooke, where I have always found quantities of duck and geese about the first of January. This time, however, there weren't any in sight. I don't know what's the matter, but unless they come south pretty soon, we're going to have a couple of dull months as far as hunting is concerned and that's all I've got to say about it."

Logical Reasoning.

This is the feeling that prevails everywhere. Though the country round about Victoria was never more attractive to water-fowl there are none apparent. "There must be a reason," was the sage reflection of an enthusiast, in the course of a discussion over the situation at a well known sportsmen's centre on Johnson street. "Yes," he went on, "there must be a reason. And I'm blown if I don't believe there's something in them reports that we heard about the folks up north getting the eggs of ducks and geese in the summer time and selling them by the thousands. If they do that, why it isn't hard to see what's spoiling our sport. And it's a darn shame—that's what it is. Why, of course, if the eggs aren't hatched there aren't any ducks or geese—that sounds reasonable, don't it? So if there aren't any birds I guess they can't come south. That's what's happening all right and, mark my words, it won't be many years before we won't get any mallards or brant at all."

"A Hollow Bubble."

With these words of wisdom the oracle departed. And not without having made an impression. His reasoning and its irrefutable logic had taken a deep hold on his hearers and the modern Nimrods sauntered out into the cold night and listened to the ringing of bells, the tooting of horns, and all the demonstrative welcome being accorded the New Year without any of the glad anticipation that seemed to animate the crowds of confetti throwers parading the streets.

HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE WINNERS FROM START

Figg Original Holder of Championship—Others Who Have Had Honor

An English prizefighter named Figg is the first acknowledged champion of the world, holding the title in 1719. Then followed George Taylor, 1734; Jack Broughton, 1740; Jack Slade, 1750; Bill Stevens, 1760, and on down to Jim Belcher, who was the first champion of the last century. Tom Cribb received a belt and cup in 1809. Then followed Tom Spring in 1824, Jim Ward, a portrait painter, 1825; Deaf Burke, 1833; Bendigo, 1839, who afterwards preached; Nick Ward, 1841; Bendigo again in 1845; Toss Barker, 1849; Perry, the Tipton Slasher, 1850; Harry Browne, 1851, and the Slasher again in 1853.

In 1857 Tom Sayers beat Perry for \$1,000 a side and new belt. Sayers boxed Heenan in 1860 and retired. Hurst was next and Jim Macé, a visitor in Toronto only a few years ago, beat Hurst in 1861 and next year he knocked out Tom King. King reversed the honors the same year. It was in 1866 that Macé and Joe Goss fought a draw for \$1,000 a side. Then E. Baldwin, probably a relative of Jersey Baldwin, the ex-Toronto amateur champion, figured in several draws.

In 1869 the first battle in America took place for the title, when McCoolle beat T. Allen, and in the next year Macé beat Allen. More recent battles follow:

1872—Jim Macé and E. Coburn fought a draw for \$2,500 a side.

1885—Jim Smith beat Jack Davies for \$500 a side.

1886—Smith and Greenfield, a draw, for \$3,000.

1887—Smith and Jake Kilrain, a draw, for \$10,000 in France.

1888—Sullivan and Mitchell, a draw, 33 rounds, France.

1889—Sullivan beat Kilrain, \$10,000 a side, New Orleans.

1889—Smith and Frank Slavin, a draw, \$2,500, championship of England.

1891—Fitzsimmons beat Dempsey, middleweight championship, 13 rounds, New Orleans.

1891—Corbett and Jackson, 61 rounds, draw, San Francisco.

1892—Corbett beat Sullivan, 21 rounds.

1894—Corbett beat Mitchell, three rounds.

1896—Fitzsimmons beat Maher, one round.

1897—Fitzsimmons beat Corbett, 14 rounds.

1899—Jefferies beat Fitzsimmons, 11 rounds.

1899—Jefferies beat Sharkey, 25 rounds.

1902—Jefferies beat Fitzsimmons, 8 rounds.

1903—Jefferies beat Corbett, 10 rounds.

1903—Jefferies beat Munroe, two rounds.

1905—Jefferies retired and gave his title to the winner of the Hurt-Root fight, which was Hart, 12 rounds.

1906—Burns beat Hart, 20 rounds.

1906—Burns drew with O'Brien, 20 rounds.

1907—Burns beat O'Brien, 20 rounds.

1907—Burns beat Squires, one round.

1907—Burns beat Moir, 10 rounds.

1908—Burns beat Palmer, four rounds.

1908—Burns beat Roche, one round.

1908—Burns beat Smith, five rounds.

1908—Burns beat Squires, eight rounds.

1908—Burns beat Squires, 13 rounds.

1908—Burns beat Lang, four rounds.

JOHNSON TO DRAW "THE COLOR LINE"

Reported That Colored Champion Will Refuse Matches With "White Trash"

Jack Johnson, the stalwart negro who wrestled the championship from Tommy Burns the other day, is going to draw the color line! Yes, that is the latest gossip among the fight fans. The announcement has caused more than a mild sensation. That the big negro, who is the best of modern heavyweights and the first dark skinned warrior to obtain possession of the coveted belt, should take such a mean advantage of the place he has attained as to say, figuratively, "stand back, all youse white trash. I'm the whole cheese just now, and the sooner yuh understand the better," is almost inconceivable. If the situation were void of the redeeming element of humor it would be galling. As it is, the sports of America don't find it much to their liking, and the sentiment is especially strong among the southerners.

There are a few of the latter in Victoria and one was encountered on the street the other day. "What did you think of the fight?" "What did you think of the fight?" was asked him. His face turned up with a speakable disgust. He had been a devoted follower of the manly art and was well up in its lore, but the latest episode had spoiled his taste and he didn't want to talk fight any more. "That a man who is described as looking like a huge glistening pillar of mahogany as he stood in the ring should defeat the best we can produce in the way of fighters. Really its almost maddening." Then the news was imparted to him that Johnson, remembering the indignities to which his fellow countrymen who have followed pugilism have been subjected by the action of white boxers in "drawing the color line," had declared that, having attained the summit of his ambition and being the first black champion, he was going to rule the little world of fighters, and none but gentlemen who could prove a pedigree showing that their ancestors were pioneers in the settlement of the wilds of Africa need apply for recognition. The suggestion threw the aforementioned southerner into wild indignation. He was most literally he clawed the air and finding no words to give adequate expression to his pent up feelings, he turned on his heels and left, even forgetting the seasonable, though wearisome courtesy, "A Happy New Year."

It must not be supposed, however, that Johnson's triumph is taken thus seriously by everyone. It is a devotee of the sport. True the report that he has decided to "draw the color line" was somewhat of a shock to them. They didn't know quite how to take it at first but after reflection, they concluded that it could hardly be well founded. "For if he did," they argued, "where would he find competitors in his class? The only ones who could make profitable competitors? No, it wasn't reasonable. The champion might be proud; and he might be inclined to treat with bitter scorn those over whom he had climbed to his pre-eminent position; but he would hardly isolate himself by drawing the color line. That would mean a loss of money. And Burns had taught him a lesson in the gathering of coin which he was not likely to forget. "And so the majority have reached the conclusion that the rumor is but a canard and are comforting themselves with the reflection that, perhaps, some Caucasian giant will spring up to vindicate the superiority of the physique of his race, or, in default of the unexpected happening, the unbeaten champion Jeffries may be persuaded to don the gloves once again just to take Johnson off his high horse and, at the same time, hand a solar-plexus blow to the self-esteem of the colored gentlemen, who, through their mouths, a negro lawyer of Chicago, have said: "The counsel of the John-Burns fight convincingly demonstrates the physical superiority of the negro over the Caucasian race, and as mental ability is based on physical vigor, it won't be long before the negro comes to his own."

The Marathon fever is catching. Now it has taken hold of canoeists and a novel stunt is proposed for the spring of 1909. It is suggested a long distance contest for canoes be arranged between Newport and Pawtucket over an aquatic course 25 miles in length. The plan is to start tandem teams from the Rhode Island Yacht club house, Pawtucket.

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Seattle	3	3	1	5
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LAST BALL SEASON NOTEWORTHY ONE

Brief Summary of Features of 1908 Baseball League Competitions

The 1908 baseball season will remain green in the memory of the fan for many years to come. It was remarkable in many ways, and will be marked down as one of the most sensational on record.

That the great summer pastime should have been so successful in Canada, with the result that baseball is now one of the most popular sports in the Dominion, with a large following right on its heels. Were all the baseball teams in Canada—from the professionals down to the juveniles—placed in one body, doubtless the average person would be surprised at the number of nice salaried boys who take an active part. No matter if it is only a village of a couple of hundred souls, a baseball club will be found, while in the larger towns and cities the number is correspondingly increased.

Every vacant lot in a city will harbor a baseball club. Probably it may only be a "kids" team, but it will be there, and the game offers so many opportunities for healthy recreation and excitement that it is no wonder that the youngsters take to it like a duck to water. At the moment a boy is permitted to play on a club, he generally clings to this sport. He develops as the seasons pass, and should he possess the ability, becomes a top-notch player. The game offers so many opportunities for healthy recreation and excitement that it is no wonder that the youngsters take to it like a duck to water. At the moment a boy is permitted to play on a club, he generally clings to this sport. He develops as the seasons pass, and should he possess the ability, becomes a top-notch player. The game offers so many opportunities for healthy recreation and excitement that it is no wonder that the youngsters take to it like a duck to water. At the moment a boy is permitted to play on a club, he generally clings to this sport. He develops as the seasons pass, and should he possess the ability, becomes a top-notch player.

What Game Offers

Baseball is a game that offers the same possibilities whether the competing players are amateurs or professionals. The amateurs will greatly outnumber the professionals in Canada for several reasons. To be a professional player one must be very proficient, and though many seem to possess the ability to make good, almost seven out of every ten of these promising youngsters will fall by the wayside, while about only one in every thousand will get away to a start, will ever attain any prominence.

Thus, out of the big army of players but few receive an opportunity to become a professional, while several pass up alluring offers simply for the sake of a few dollars.

BASEBALL PERMANENT WINNERS

World's Championship Chicago (Cubs), National League.

League.	Club.	Manager
American	Detroit	Jennings
National	Chicago	Ge. Fox
American Ass'n	Indianapolis	Dick Cooley
Eastern	Baltimore	D. J. Mullane
Pacific Coast	Los Angeles	Roy Montgomery
Northwestern	San Francisco	A. Dickson
Southern	Nashville	N. G. Kennedy
Western	Sioux City	Jack Lott
Tri-State	Williamsport	Walter J. Smith
Ontario and Penn.	Evansville	Pat Newnam
Penn. and W. Va.	Akron	Frank Boyle
New York State	Unlontown	Charles Ferguson
New England	Saratoga	John A. McCarthy
Connecticut	Springfield	Ferry Lipe
Virginia	Richmond	Daniel O'Neill
Three-Bye	Springfield, Ill.	Jesse Burkett
Wisconsin-Illinois	Wausau	Malachi Kittredge
Central Ass'n	Worcester	Charles McCloskey
Texas State	San Antonio	Charles Knoll
East Carolina	Wilmington, Car.	Harry Wolverton
Maine State	Bunker	"Ducky" Holmes
Re Grays	Portland	Jack Brockbridge
Cotton States	San Antonio	Morley
South Atlantic	Jacksonville	Jack Dunn
Western Ass'n	Topeka	Charles Carr
Ohio State	Lancaster	Chambers
Northern	Brandon	Artie O'Dea

ICE NOT STRONG

Skaters Who Anticipated Sport Today Doomed to Disappointment

The ice at Colwood lake is not yet strong enough to bear skaters. Many local enthusiasts fancied that, as a result of the cold spell of the past few days, it would be possible to start the New Year with a little of their favorite sport. But they are doomed to disappointment. Inquiry late last night elicited the information that the ice is not yet safe. A couple more days of frost, however, should put it in first-class condition.

ATHLETIC TOURNEY HAS BEEN ARRANGED

Capt. Duncan Ross Will Meet Prof. Reid in a Sword Contest

A military and athletic tournament will take place on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., at the A.O.U.V. hall, the feature of which will be an encounter between Capt. Duncan C. Ross, who holds the world's championship as a mounted swordsman, and Prof. G. C. Reed. The latter is reported to be an expert of no mean ability, and therefore it is expected that the match will be one of the finest seen here in many a long month.

In addition to this event there will be a lengthy and varied programme. A number of wrestling contests are being arranged, several exhibitions of boxing are contemplated. Scotch and Irish dancing will take place, a potato race is included, and Capt. Ross will perform a number of remarkable feats in swordsmanship.

A practical demonstration of Jiu Jitsu will be given by Capt. Ross and Matsada Kogaree. The latter is a resident of Tacoma and the captain has induced him to come to Victoria that local athletes and sportsmen may be given an insight into the methods adopted by the Japanese in wrestling.

It is the intention of Capt. Ross to open a school for the instruction of boxing, wrestling, fencing, the new system in physical culture, and Jiu Jitsu at an early date. He will make the necessary arrangements immediately after the entertainment he has in hand, and is confident that his efforts will assist in the development of the young manhood of Victoria along proper lines will be accorded adequate support.

CHIPPEWAS WINNERS OF THE FIRST ROUND

Individual Scores and Averages Thus Far in House League Bowling

The first round in the Douglas street bowling alley House league is completed and the Chippewas are the leaders. The bowling in the second round has started and good interest is shown.

Standing of Teams.

The following is the standing of the teams:

Team.	Gms. Plns. Ave.
Chippewas	12 2176 181
Willows	12 2067 173
Fox	15 2567 171
Moran	12 2014 168
Townley	15 2513 168
Hill	12 2198 167
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MATCH TOMORROW

Victoria-United and Esquimalt Soccer Teams Play at Hill

The Victoria United and Esquimalt soccer teams will meet in an exhibition match at Beacon hill this morning. They will line-up at 10:30 o'clock. This will be the first time that the local representative association football eleven, the men who will unite in the defence of Victoria's claim to the Island championship, have assembled and therefore the game is of peculiar interest. It is reported that the Esquimalts are exceptionally strong. Alex Peden, president of the Victoria United club, is anxious that all interested in the sport attend. The United team will be selected as follows: Lovelidge, Nyland, Johnson, Schwengers, Hughes, Shanks, Grant, McGhee, Fairley, Ruthwell and Williams.

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The new steamer Princess Charlotte is being made ready for service, and after the furnishings have been gone over, carpets laid and other interior work completed, she will be taken to Esquimalt to be hauled out to be cleaned and painted after her long voyage from the Clyde. It is expected the new liner will be ready for service about Jan. 15, and about that time or soon thereafter, she will replace the steamer Princess Victoria while that vessel undergoes her annual overhauling in readiness for the summer service. Capt. Griffin and the majority of the crew of the Princess Victoria will probably be transferred when the Princess Charlotte is ready to enter service. The crew which brought the steamer from England is being paid off and most of the officers and men will leave at once to return to the Atlantic. Some have decided to remain. Since the barricading built up by the Fairfields before sending the steamer on her voyage to Victoria was removed the appearance of the new liner is much improved and she has been greatly admired by the hundreds who have visited the C. P. R. wharf to inspect her.

The coming of the Princess Charlotte has demonstrated that the wharf space of the C. P. R. facing Belleville street is none too ample now to accommodate the rapidly growing fleet and the question of extension will be a live one before other vessels are added.

Like the Princess Ena, when she came from the yards of the Graysons at Liverpool, the new liner has her port of registry given as Vancouver. On the stern and on the boats appears "Princess Charlotte, Vancouver." On the Princess Ena the name was changed after arrival. It will probably also be changed on the new liner, just added to the local fleet.

It is expected that the coming season will be a record-breaking one with regard to the travel between Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver. The Alaska Exposition will be opened at Seattle on June 1, and as arrangements have been made to route a large proportion of the travel via Victoria and Vancouver it is expected that the travel enjoyed by the Princess Victoria and Princess Charlotte will be very large. During July of last year the steamer Princess Victoria carried 25,000 people, and approximately as many during the succeeding months of the summer season. It is expected that both steamers will carry a much larger number of passengers next summer.

Epoch-Making
The coming of the new Princess is not only an epoch-making incident in local shipping history, but it marks the climax of a remarkable development during the last two decades. It is not out of the memory of the young men, much less the old, that such steamers as the George E. Starr, North Pacific, Utopia, Rosalie and others were considered ample for the service between Victoria and Seattle. With the building of the new Princesses of the C. P. R. this company proved that the day of the little hookers had gone and that there was a big travel to be enjoyed if suitable steamers were provided. It was with this knowledge that the Princess Victoria was planned. The steamer was considered by those who looked only to the moment as too expensive, too costly to operate. She made money, having paid for herself some time ago. The Princess Charlotte will make money. She cost \$600,000 and will probably cost at least \$200,000 a month to operate her, but she will clear, perhaps, about half of her cost above the cost of operation during the coming summer, at least this is the expectation of some experienced shipping men.

Capt. C. Troop, who brought the Princess Charlotte to Victoria from Glasgow, since his arrival has met several old friends. Capt. Troop was in command of one of the C. P. R. liners on the Atlantic, and Capt. Davis of the steamer Agapanthus now at Esquimalt, is also a former master of an Atlantic liner running into Montreal. He and Capt. Kinney, master of the Senator, who sails from Capt. Troop's berthplace in Nova Scotia, foregathered with the master of the new Princess.

TEES HAD STORMY

TRIP ON WEST COAST

Was Driven From Shelter in Nootka Sound During Gale of Last Week

The steamer Tees, which reached port yesterday from Cape Scott and way ports of the west coast, had a stormy passage, and during the Christmas Day gale had to steam out of Deserter Bay, where she had anchored owing to the storm. She dragged at her anchors with sheets of water lifted

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Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 52 miles an hour.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind east, 60 miles an hour. Out, French ship Laennec.

Tatoosh, 2 p.m.—In, steamer Queen, San Francisco for Victoria.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 57 miles an hour.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—In, schooner Deeahks at 1.20 p.m.; steamer Yucatan off Cape Beale at 6 p.m.

By Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Part cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.05, temp. 23. Sea smooth.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.04, temp. 31.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 52 miles an hour. Bar. 30.01, temp. 39.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a light northeast breeze. Bar. 30.00, temp. 38. Sea smooth.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind east, 60 miles an hour. Bar. 30.02, temp. 40. Passed in, two-masted steamer at 7.50 a.m.

Pachena, noon—Cloudy, wind northeast. Bar. 29.92, temp. 40. Sea smooth.

Estevan, noon—Clear, light easterly breeze. Bar. 29.92, temp. 40. Sea smooth.

Cape Lazo, noon—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.12, temp. 33. Sea moderate.

Point Grey, noon—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.07, temp. 34. Out, steamer Comox, 10.40 a.m. In, steamer with yellow funnel, two masts, white hull, clipper bow, looks like private steamer, at 10.30 a.m.; steamer Camosun at 11.10 a.m.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.06, temp. 31. Sea smooth.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 29.98, temp. 32.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Clear, wind east, 57 miles an hour. Bar. 29.94, temp. 40. In, schooner Deeahks, at 1.20 p.m.; steamer Yucatan off Cape Beale at 6 p.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Clear, light easterly wind. Bar. 30, temp. 33.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind northeast. Bar. 29.88, temp. 33. Sea smooth. No shipping.

over her, and the wind blowing down the bay as down a funnel seemed as if it would lift the steamer from the water. Shelter was obtained in Plumber bay. When leaving Nootka sound the steamer again sheltered at Friendly Cove, but the wind blew so strong that the two anchors were lifted and the steamer put out to sea, rolling and laboring.

There was a fair complement of passengers and slim freight, the only cargo on board being some slabs of marble from the quarries on Nootka sound for Alex. Stewart, of this city. The passengers included C. F. Betterton, the well known mill man; H. Bruce and wife, from San Juan; W. Garrard, a timber man, and wife, from Alberni; Christopher Anderson, J. Hartwell, A. S. Gwynne, Dr. West, F. Goven, J. Drinkwater, of Alberni; H. Garrard, from the Lennard Island lighthouse, bound to England, and several others.

Capt. Gillam, chief officer of the steamer, was in command. Capt. Toward had remaining ashore for the Christmas holiday. The steamer will sail again tonight for Clayoquot and way ports.

FISHING FLEET WAS

DAMAGED BY STORM

Celestial Empire Had Narrow Escape From Going Ashore During the Christmas Gale

Advices from Prince Rupert state that the gale of last week did considerable damage in this vicinity. It is reported to have had a disastrous effect on the fishing boats in Hecate strait also, where several of the New England Fish company's boats were caught in the storm and suffered heavy losses.

The Celestial Empire was unable to make shelter and anchored for the night in the open. Toward morning the anchor chain snapped and the big boat drifted before the wind. She had been drifting some time before the crew were aware of what had happened, and her condition was discovered just in time to prevent her from being dashed to pieces on Rose Spit rocks. Besides losing her anchors and about 60 fathoms of cable, the deck was swept by the high seas, and all her fishing tackle and overboard. The loss will total up several hundred dollars. The Kingfisher lost two anchors and about the same amount of cable chain, but suffered no other damage. They finally succeeded in reaching a harbor where there was good shelter, and where they were permitted to remain by the Canadian fisheries cruisers until the storm had abated.

On account of rough weather the catch was very small, not exceeding sixteen thousand pounds, which with the losses sustained will make a very unprofitable voyage.

The Canadian fisheries cruisers Falcon and Restless, which were in port for Christmas, report Hecate strait deserted, all of the fishing fleet having left for Seattle, where they will remain until after the holidays.

Reports from Neah bay yesterday announced that the United States revenue cutter Manning had arrived to take up her station for the purpose of rendering aid to vessels in distress.

The Manning will be detailed here during the winter and officers of the service ask the assistance of the press and shipping interests in getting word promptly to the Manning. Capt. W. H. Cushing, senior captain of the service, is located at Port Townsend, to whom requests for aid should be sent.

VERY POOR SEASON FOR SAILING SHIPS

Vessels Leave Esquimalt to
Load—Outlook for Disen-
gaged Craft Very Bad

The British ship Arranmore was towed to Tacoma from Esquimalt yesterday by the tug Pleaser and the Chilean ship Riart de Soler was towed from Royal Roads to the sound port by the tug Richard Holyoke. The tug Lorne took the Lord Shaftesbury to the Fraser river to load lumber and will tow the bark Ivanhoe, the first vessel to load at the mills above the bridge, to sea on her way to the west coast of South America. The Senator, Halewood, Carradale and the steamer Agapanthus are still awaiting charters.

The sailing ship situation is seemingly becoming worse. For a considerable period, sailing vessels have suffered very severely from the acute depression in the shipping trade, and at the present time it is practically impossible for them to obtain any profitable employment. Faced by ruinous competition with steam in all parts of the globe, and with no prospect of improvement in the near future, it is not surprising that owners of the old type of carrier are paring with the vessels to the foreigner as opportunity occurs. Many fine clipper vessels of British registry, have recently changed flags at prices which result in an enormous loss of capital to the shareholders who in most instances have little or no return on their investment for some years past. During last month six clipper-owned iron and steel ships, totalling \$3,222 tons register, and representing about 14,000 tons carrying capacity, were acquired by foreigners for \$22,000. Of these, two (totalling 2,450 tons reg.) went to Norway for £6,675, and two to Germany (4,250 tons total reg.) for £12,500. In addition to the above three vessels changed hands but retain the flag.

All this year the shipping trade witnesses have been urging upon owners the necessity of laying up their ships until a marked improvement in the freight situation took place. This advice has been heeded to a large extent and the reports from the principal ports show that there has been lately a very pronounced increase in the steamers arriving to lie up. At the same time, the sailing ships have been laying up places, there are today, according to local estimate, not fewer than 110 steamers laid up. The buoys in the lower reaches of the river are full; in the upper reaches there is no more room. But does this universal idleness pay, and is it not a costly business? The answer is, no. So this year, to lay a vessel idle has simply meant to keep her in debt, whereas in employment, there might have been a chance of a lucky charter turning up to wipe off some of the accumulated indebtedness due to earlier unremunerative voyaging. Yet in the face of the sharp crisis which is facing the trade there is still talk of organizing opposition to keep up rates. In almost all cases this has meant serious losses to the owners who elected to stand as champions of a hopeless cause, while others were taking in whatever profits could possibly be made. The sailing ship situation on the Pacific coast today affords a good illustration of the desperate fight for life which is now being waged. Since the Sailing Ship Owners' International union was organized, union owners have had things pretty much their own way in the Pacific grain trade. It is safe to say that the bulk of grain charters a few months ago, at least, were reported at slightly lower rates. Last year, the United States government chartered an immense amount of steam tonnage to carry coal from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard. In most cases these vessels were sent out unfixed homeward, so that so much outside tonnage was thrown upon the open market as soon as the government closed their charters. These steamers in their hurry to leave the coast accepted whatever rates were prevailing and as low as 25s 9d was reported upon several occasions. In the meantime, windjammers were constantly arriving. Some, it is true, were loaded at the minimum rate of 27s 6d, but they had been fixed up before the season opened. Meanwhile many idle vessels are lying at Victoria and other North Pacific ports. Some of the French windjammers which came from Europe via Hobart in ballast have been ordered to Australia, and perhaps it is in the direction of the antipodes that the various sailing ships will be found. But the voyaging of French vessels is so much wrapped up in mystery that it is useless to attempt solving the problem of their navigation. To them distances are nothing; cargoes inconsiderable trifles. Sailing, as in the words of Ruskin, with "hempen bridge and the winds of Heaven in harness," and no coal bill to pay, they valiantly plough the seas. The bounty they pay the portage bill et voque la galere.

WAITING NEWS OF

RACE TO SYDNEY

Three Vessels of Different Rig Left Puget Sound 76 Days Ago for Australia

Word is being awaited from Sydney of the arrival of the three sailing craft which left the Sound 76 days ago to race to the Australian port. The ships are the schooner Inca, barkentine James Tuft, and bark Olympic. None have made a smart passage, or they would have been heard from two weeks ago. The barkentine Amaranth, known as a steady performer, arrived at Sydney from the Sound in sixty days on her recent passage. Backers of the Inca, James Tuft and Olympic expected that they would make their destination under sixty days.

The Inca, loaded at Ballard, finishing October 10, and leaving Port Townsend three days later, after shipping crew. The James Tuft took cargo at Tacoma, finishing the same date as the Inca, and towing from Townsend behind the tug that took the Inca. However, the weather was stormy outside and the vessels lay in Clallam bay until October 17. In the meantime

the Olympic, which loaded at Mukilteo and Bellingham, made ready for sea and passed out, October 17, a few hours ahead of her rivals.

The race is of particular interest in demonstrating the respective merits of the three rigs represented in this fleet.

RUPERT CITY WILL CARRY AN EXCURSION

Leaves Vancouver on Monday Bound to Prince Rupert on Her Maiden Voyage

The steamer Rupert City, the latest addition to the Mackenzie Steamship company's fleet, will leave Vancouver on Monday at 9 p.m. with an excursion party of business men and others bound to Prince Rupert. Tickets for the trip are being sold by the Greer, Corney and Skene company in this city, the price arranged for five days' round trip being \$15. The Rupert City which was formerly the Watts Watts steamer Powhatan, has been overhauled and improved since her arrival at Hongkong. Extra houses and saloons have been built on the vessel and she has been equipped with wireless telegraphic apparatus.

The Blue Funnel line steamer Cyclops from Liverpool for this port arrived at Hongkong on Tuesday on her way here.

United States customs officials at Bellingham yesterday seized the Danish ship Jupiter and until arrangements are made for the failure of Capt. Funder to secure a bill of health, the ship will be in charge of the customs office. The vessel is now loading for Valparaiso at the plant of the E. K. Wood Lumber company. Capt. Funder declares that when he sailed from England he could not get his health papers for the reason that the consul was out of the city. The ship, however, the "Cyclops" was discovered when the vessel made Seattle to discharge cargo. The captain was allowed to proceed to Bellingham. The seizure was made upon the order of the treasury department.

The steamer Kitsap, which has been replacing the Indianapolis on the Seattle-Tacoma route, broke her shaft, threw her bronze screw and unshipped her rudder on Wednesday. The steamer Telegraph took on board passengers and the disabled steamer was picked up by the steamer Lydia Thompson and towed to Seattle. The steamer Chippewa which has been undergoing an overhauling since she was replaced on the Victoria-Seattle route by the steamer Whatcom, took the place of the damaged steamer in the Seattle-Tacoma service. The Chippewa will remain in that service until Jan. 5 when it is expected the Indianapolis will be ready to resume.

After being stormbound for five or six days, five sailing ships put to sea on Wednesday. Since last week's heavy southerly gale, conditions have not been favorable for putting out, and the outward bound fleet sought shelter in Clallam and Nuh bays. On Wednesday a steady southerly wind sprung up and the masters took advantage of it to make a good offing. In the morning the wind was east, 36 miles an hour, at noon 44 miles an hour, and at 6 p.m. it was blowing at the rate of 46 miles. With this wind the fleet ought to get a splendid start, but the coast, this morning, was outworn by the British ship Falls of Dee with lumber for Sydney; American schooner James H. Bruce, with lumber for San Francisco; British ship Agnes Oswald and bark Archibald Russell, with wheat for the United Kingdom, and French ship Amiral Ceille, with lumber for Australia.

The Vancouver World says the steamer Londale of the Canadian-Exonian line was driven to the beach Friday. The World says: Crossing the gulf with only one boiler working, the Londale was caught broadside on by the freshening gale. Something went wrong with her engines or steering gear, and she began to turn around like a top, finally bringing up off Point Grey within perceptible distance of the Spanish bar. The sea driven by the furiously increasing gale, carried her into the bay and she drifted helplessly toward the mouth of False creek. Excitement ran high and people began to gather in crowds on the pier and along the beach, expecting to see the apparently derelict steamship become a wreck on the sandy shore of English bay. The demerit of the pier. Both anchors were out, but without power and before such a wind, she dragged the hooks, and the chief officer, with a boat's crew rowed ashore in a frantic effort to obtain the services of a tug. None could be obtained, as the tugs' crews were all ashore for Christmas day. The captain of the Londale put out kedge anchors, and with the abating of the storm managed to secure a hold and eventually worked her way sternforemost to deeper water, assisted by the increased steam power from another boiler put into commission.

Electrication of Street Railways

In 1890 only a little more than 15 per cent. of the total mileage of the street and interurban railway systems of the United States was operated by electricity. There were then 8,125 miles of line, and in 1907 there were a little less than 29,000 miles, or 2 per cent. of which was operated by power other than electric. Cables, steam or animal power, or the 18,600 miles of line in 1890. By 1896 only 2,337 miles were so operated, while the figures for last year are 776 miles. Electricity is now used on more than 28,000 miles of street and interurban lines in the United States.

Within ten years the number of cars used on so-called street car lines has increased from 18,722 in 1897 to 112,000. The total number of cars on the street railways, and an increase of about 23,000 in the number of cars used on the country railways, has been increased by about 43,000 miles and the others by about 23,000 miles. The capital cost of the street railway system has not doubled the capital of all the street and interurban lines ten years ago.

Using round figures, the trackage of the street railway system in the United States stands thus: New England, 5,000 miles; Eastern States, 10,000 miles; Central States, 15,000 miles; Southern States, 20,000 miles; and Western States, 20,000 miles. The capitalization of the New England lines is on a basis of an average of about \$36,000 per mile as compared with an average of about \$55,000 per mile for the other sections. In the group classed as "Eastern States," capitalization exceeds \$80,000 per mile, while the average for New York State alone is about \$110,000 a mile.

Strikes in Germany

The eighth annual report of the German Imperial Statistical Bureau shows that German strikes in 1906, affecting 16,246 establishments, in which 683,539 workers were employed, of whom 272,218 were actually struck, cost the country that only 613 of the 3,228 strikes were

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successful and that 1,217 were utter failures. Some sort of compromise was arranged in the other 1,438 cases. Only 12 per cent. of the strikers, representing 19.5 of the establishments affected, were engaged in successful strikes.

The chief causes of the strikes were: For increase of wages, 2,343; For reduction of hours of work, 304; For reinstatement of discharged employees, 512; For extra pay for overtime, 452; For other causes affecting wages, 323; For Saturday half holiday, 304; Against reduction of wages, 70.

In the eight years, 1899 to 1906, the strikes each year and the number of workers in the establishments affected were:

Year	Number of strikes	Number of workers
1899	1,238	256,853
1900	1,056	238,839
1901	1,056	141,220
1902	1,060	131,083
1903	1,374	196,635
1904	1,870	273,381
1905	2,403	776,381
1906	3,228	686,539
Totals	13,812	2,763,505

Only 18.4 per cent. of the strikes fully succeeded in 1907, while 36.6 per cent. completely failed. The direct and indirect loss to the workers and others on that showing of strikes is beyond computation.

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